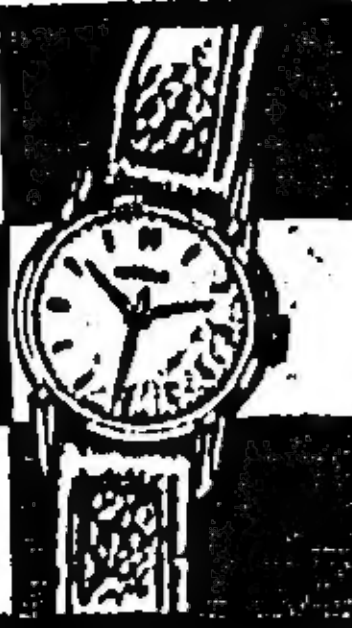




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MISSING BRITONS IN SPAIN?

Barcelona, June 15.
The staff of the fashionable Victoria Hotel here declared today that Britain's two missing diplomats, Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess, had been there a few days ago.

Two Britons strongly resembling Maclean and Burgess checked into the hotel on Wednesday. On the forms which travellers in Spain must fill out for hotelkeepers, the pair said they had come from France on that day.

The two did not register as Maclean and Burgess. They were in the company of two other men and two women. The hotel staff did not immediately connect the two men with the missing diplomats because Spanish papers had published only poor photographs of the pair.

Yesterday, however, one of the papers published clearer pictures and employees in the hotel said they recognised likenesses to the two men who had arrived from France.

Today they studied the photographs brought to them by the British Consulate and thought they were the missing officials. But meanwhile the two men and the four other persons had left the hotel, saying they were en route back to France. They were driving a Hillman car.—Associated Press.

ANTIGUA QUIET

Kingston, Jamaica, June 15.
The situation in Antigua, where disorders were reported yesterday, is said to be calm today.

A detachment of Fifth Royal Welsh Fusiliers were sent to the island at the request of the Governor of the Leeward Islands because police were unable to cope with persistent industrial unrest, violence and sabotage.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

What Does Korea Mean?

THE heavy pressure maintained by United Nations forces in Korea does not diminish talk of the likelihood of a stalemate. Nor does it quell vague hints of Anglo-American parleys envisaging a new peace move, and banking on heavy Chinese Communist losses as a persuasive factor. Nevertheless, so far, there appears to be little foundation for either the talk or the hints. The Chinese have undoubtedly suffered a serious defeat and the morale of their front-line troops has been sharply shaken. But resistance is stiffening at several points and on the evidence there is no reason to suppose otherwise than that the Communists still have plenty of man-power at their disposal. Nearly a year since the original aggression by the North Korean army, the war goes on. The time, in fact, has come to try and assess what has been accomplished by the conflict and where it has led. At first sight it looks like one of the most aimless conflicts in history. It has no plainly demonstrable significance. Korea is one of those odd, undistinguished corners of the globe lacking entirely in strategic value where one would have thought the people could have lived in peace. Yet in 12 months this pathetic peninsula has been ravaged, its cities shattered and much of its population made homeless. The men of sixteen nations have fought in an unending struggle. Families thousands of miles away who probably had never previously heard of the existence of Korea, have been bereaved. And for what? Today the United Nations forces are back again in the area where hostilities began—about the 38th Parallel. Korea is still divided into two. The object of both sides is still to make it one, either by force, or by imposing the conditions necessary to give the people of the country a free choice. Has all the pain and suffering, then, been useless? The answer is an emphatic

"No." For the second time since 1945, the free nations have combined to resist an act of unprovoked aggression from Communism—and that is of enormous significance. The first occasion was when the Russians tried to make Anglo-American-French hold on Berlin untenable. Had that not been frustrated by the Anglo-American airlift Western Europe might now have been Communist. Similarly, had the United Nations allowed Korea to go by default, the Communist menace to the rest of South-East Asia would have immensely boosted. Most of the peoples on the borders of China would have been prepared to bow the knee to Moscow. Having twice received sharp rebuff, Kremlin leaders may pause before again throwing themselves out on a limb. Forgetting the Wedemeyers and MacArthurs, world sacrifices in Korea may have prevented World War III. The struggle is far from over, but there can be little doubt of the outcome. If the Chinese launch new attacks from behind the Iron Curtain, they will only batter their heads against an Iron Wall. They do no more today, they who boasted they would throw the UN army into the sea, than lose face and all else while getting nowhere. Once again boldness is reaping its reward. When nations stand firm they are half-way to victory. When they appease or lose grip result is the evidence that in spite of early misunderstandings, Britain and America are again drawing closer together. The British case on Hongkong and Malaya is better understood in the United States. A new trend in American public opinion was guided by the stand made by the glorious Gloucesters. Not for the first time the British fighting man—in Korea as elsewhere—has proved to be Britain's most effective Ambassador.

"Girl Pat" Skipper To Sail Round World



British Captain Dod Osborne, famous skipper of the "Girl Pat" blockade-runner during the Spanish civil war, set sail from New York on May 29 in a 75-foot ketch, the "Argosy," with a crew of 10 scientist-explorers to make an 18 to 24 months voyage round the world, retracing Charles Darwin's epic voyage of 1831-36. Captain Osborne is in middle row, wearing striped shirt.

Big Four Meeting Demanded By Western Powers

Paris, June 15.

The Western Powers today called for a meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers without any further discussion of the agenda by the deputies.

The Western Powers presented a note at the deputies' 71st meeting here today, suggesting that the Ministers should meet on the basis of the measure of agreement already reached.

The Western deputies first made an effort to break the deadlock on May 31, when they presented three alternative suggested agendas to M. A. Zveloff, the Russian delegate, with the request that the Russians should say which one suited them.

The Russians said that they would agree to the proposal for a meeting in Washington on July 23 on condition that the Atlantic Pact was included in the agenda.

The Western deputies have refused to accept that condition. Today's proposal was contained in three identical notes handed to M. Zveloff by the French, British and American deputies. The note said that "the negative reply of the Soviet Government" to the three-power note on May 31, proposing a conference of the four Foreign Ministers on any one of the three agendas submitted at the deputies' meeting, had put the deputies' conference back to the point at which it was before.

"IMPOSSIBLE"

The note said that the Soviet Government stated in its note of June 4 that in its view it would be inexpedient to interrupt the work of the conference.

"His Majesty's Government look account of this recommendation. As a result the deputies have held further meetings. These meetings have shown again that it is impossible to make any progress.

"The Soviet representative, in fact, continues to make a meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs conditional upon a demand which it knows to be unacceptable to the other delegations although the Soviet delegation has obtained satisfaction insofar as concerning the inclusion in the agenda of all the questions which the Soviet Government stated that it wished to have discussed in its notes leading up to the conference.

or in the proposals which it made for the agenda at the beginning of the conference.

"If the insistence of the Soviet Government on including in the agenda some mention of the Atlantic Treaty and the American military bases is to be explained by its desire thus to secure, directly or indirectly, a decision of the Ministers calling into question a treaty concluded by 12 powers for the purpose of ensuring their common defence and to which the U.S.S.R. is not a party, it is clear that this insistence is entirely unjustified since such a decision does not come within the competence of the meeting of the Ministers.

SHOULD PROCEED

"If, on the other hand, the purpose of the Soviet Government is solely to reserve the right of the Soviet Foreign Minister fully to give his interpretation of the causes and effects of international tension, this insistence is unnecessary since it has been agreed that the agenda should contain a general heading which would permit each Minister to express his point of view on these matters.

"Considering that further discussions between the deputies on the question which the Soviet Government proposed in its note of June 4 have not advanced the prospect of an agreement, we propose that the Foreign Ministers of the four powers, without further efforts by the deputies to complete an agreement on the agenda, should proceed on the basis of the large measure of agreement already reached by the deputies in Paris.

"Taking into account Agenda 'B' and the notes which have been exchanged between the Soviet Government and the other Governments in which their respective points of view were recorded, the four Foreign Ministers should be able to proceed without delay to their task of seeking to reduce the existing tensions in the world."

Persian Demands Unacceptable To Oil Company

FULL AGREEMENT SAID IMPOSSIBLE

Teheran, June 15.

The Persian Government's demand for three-quarters of all oil proceeds is absolutely unacceptable in its present form, authoritative British sources said today.

But the sources said that as the Persians were in a desperate financial position the British delegation might agree to pay over several million pounds on a basis of mutual goodwill.

The company owes the Persians £4,000,000 suspended oil royalties to date.

Highly placed British sources emphasised that there could be no full agreement to yesterday's demand. The Persian Government made the demand a condition for opening talks with representatives of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company on Persia's nationalisation of the oilfields and installations.

The Persians are asking for 75 per cent of all proceeds since March 20 when the Nationalisation Law was passed.

Mr Basil Jackson, head of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company delegation here, referred back to London yesterday's Persia's ultimatum that talks could not begin until the company agreed to pay the 75 per cent.

The other 25 per cent was to be set aside for possible compensation claims by the company, the Persian demand added. The delegation also had a long conference today with the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd.

PREMIER'S ORDER

There was a possibility that the reply from London might not be received here by 8 a.m. on Sunday when the two sides meet again. In that event the British delegation would ask if the Persians were willing to go on to discuss other matters pending the reply from London.

Persian sources said that the money demand had been directly ordered by Dr Mohammed Mossadeq, the Prime Minister, who was keeping full control of the Persian Finance Ministry delegation.

There has been no editorial reaction here yet to the demand. But considerable satisfaction was displayed by official quarters where it was widely believed that the British had no choice but to accede to the demands or risk losing the oil installations.

DELICATE TASK

Teheran, June 15.
British and American quarters were engaged today in the delicate task of slowing down Iran's insistent demands for the immediate turning over of British oil properties in the country, but all quarters agreed that any prolonged delay in solving the crisis might lead to trouble in this strategic nation.

Mr B. R. Jackson, Deputy General Manager of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, had a long conference with United States Ambassador Henry Grady. This followed a reported demand by Iran for the turning over of the books of the Company at Abadan and immediate collection by Iran of 75 per cent of the Company's Iranian income.

The British Embassy claimed it had not heard of this ultimatum or that the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, was to discuss it with Premier Mohammed Mossadeq. The Embassy also alleged it heard nothing of the arrest of 10 Britons at Abadan for "illegal entry" into the country.—United Press.

SECRET PLAN

Abadan, June 15.
A secret plan for the total evacuation from Abadan and the neighbouring oilfields of all British oil workers and their families is ready, an authoritative source said today. Within 10 minutes of the receipt of a code word at evacuation key points all Britons would be leaving by planes, cargo boats, tankers and other means, this source stated.

A cause which the Company would consider a sufficient reason to cut crude oil supplies to the refinery, the source said. The evacuation plan includes precautions to prevent a disaster.

if "unskilled" Persian should try to re-start the intricate mechanism of the Abadan refinery which the Anglo-Iranian Company experts believe would come to a standstill without the British staff. Reuter.

BRITONS' FATE

London, June 15.
A Foreign Office spokesman said here today that no official information had yet been received here about the reported arrests of 19 Britons who arrived by air at Abadan, Persia, on Wednesday.

Press reports had said that the Britons were charged with illegal entry because they did not possess residence permits. The British Ambassador in Persia, Sir Francis Shepherd, had been in touch with the Persian Government on matters of this nature and if the incident did take place then Sir Francis would no doubt raise the issue with the Persian authorities.

The spokesman thought the 19 Britons might be Anglo-Iranian officials returning to Abadan after their normal leave. Reuter.

TEHRAN RALLY

Teheran, June 15.
Riot police on jeeps and on horseback stood by for trouble today when a wildly enthusiastic crowd of 6,000 Persians held an oil nationalisation rally in Teheran.

But the crowd dispersed calmly after the meeting. Those taking part in the rally cheered each anti-British reference, cheering about once every 10 seconds for almost two hours.

The meeting was called by Abdul Qasim Kashakim, a Moslem religious leader who was one of the chief inspirers of the nationalisation scheme. The speeches at the meeting repeated the now familiar theme that all Persia's troubles were to be attributed to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, and that Dr Mossadeq, the Prime Minister, was about to bring the Persian nation to a new and glorious chapter with the nationalisation of Persia's oil. Reuter.

British Admiral Recalled

DEFENCE CHIEFS' SUDDEN MEETING

Malta, June 15.
Admiral Sir John Edleston, British Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was recalled from Trieste today to fly to a conference of British Middle East defence chiefs.

He was visiting Trieste on a summer cruise and flew back to Malta before going on to Freetown, Sierra Leone.

There he joined General Sir Brian Robertson, Commander-in-Chief, Land Forces, and Air Marshal Sir John Baker, Royal Air Force Commander.

Naval headquarters here said that Admiral Edleston is due to pay a formal visit to the Italian fleet at Taranto on June 19 and that the Commander-in-Chief is having a conference with other Middle East chiefs. They would not comment further.

With Admiral Edleston are Captain P.C.S.T. Carey, Chief Staff Officer, Intelligence, Middle East, and Commander H. A. Corbett, Staff Officer Plans to the Commander-in-Chief.

It was announced in the House of Commons in London on Wednesday that big Royal Air Force exercises planned to be held over the Suez Canal zone at the end of the month have been cancelled. Reuter.

THREE ROUTINE

Freetown, June 15.
Colonel J. F. Carroll, Director of Army Public Relations, today described as purely routine the meeting of British Middle East Service Chiefs due to be held here this week-end.

He said, "The Commanders-in-Chief meet periodically to discuss the international situation in general and the Middle East in particular."—Reuter.

Second Note On Berlin Action

Berlin, June 15.
The three Western Allied Commanders today sent a second note to Sergei Demin, the Soviet representative in Berlin, about the "little blockade" of Berlin.

An American spokesman gave no further details. The protest followed a meeting here today of Berlin's three Western Commanders.

Economic counter-blockade measures were considered, an American official said. According to Allied officials here the Soviet authorities in Berlin have not yet replied to the protest sent last Monday.—Reuter.

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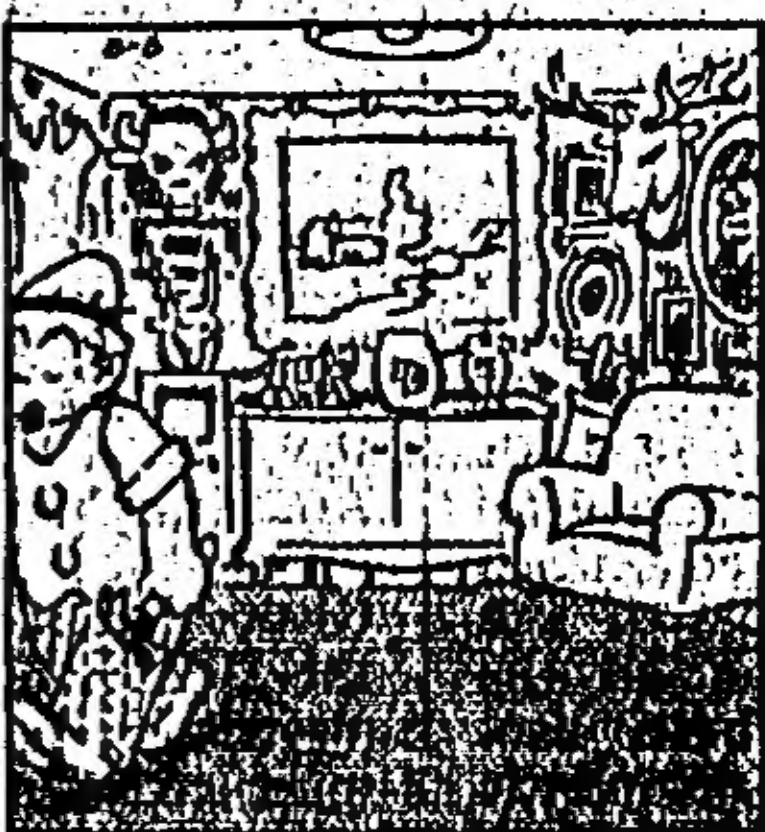
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FERCE OPPONENTS when they meet in competition, Gerry Murray (left) and Toughie Brasuhn are just like other mothers as they prepare to give sons, Mike and Billy, lessons.



BEDTIME for Mike means a story before he falls asleep probably to dream that he is speeding around a track, single-handedly crushing all opposition as his mom applauds.



MOM'S SKATES are all that matter to Mike as family packs and prepares to leave on a tour. The Gammons always travel in their own car as they can do some sightseeing.

MOM'S A GOOD SKATE



GETTING away for a good start, Mike and Billy receive a helping hand from their mothers as they learn "takeoff" technique.



PRACTISING MAYHEM on wheels, Gerry and Toughie battle for the advantage as they flash around a turn, each seeking to spill the other and lead the pack for try at points.

A NEW Hatfield and McCoy feud appears to be in the making. Whizzing around the banked Roller Derby track in New York these days, practicing blocks and jams, are two fighting youngsters of battling families. They are little Billy Monte, 8, and speedy Mike Gammon, 7. Their mothers are Gerry Murray and Gammon and Toughie Brasuhn Monte, who nightly thrill spectators with their rough-and-tumble bouts. Both fathers also are top flight skating stars.

Living up to his parents' expectations, Mike has been clocked around the oval in 12.5 seconds. Average skater's time is 12 seconds.

Besides being an exceptional skater, Mike is a natural athlete, excelling in baseball and swimming. But his first love is the banked boards, where he can square off with Billy and others.

Although mother is a 125-pound flash of dynamite on the track, she's just a homemaker when she's out of the spotlight. "Home" is a hotel room at present, for schedules keep them constantly on the go. However, she still finds time to mend the family's clothes and teach her boy how to skate.

Veteran skating couples like the Montes and the Gammons are well paid now that the sport has really caught on. They usually average as much as \$20,000 a year. This sum is a far cry from the pin money they earned 12 years ago when Gerry Murray joined one of two teams, fighting not only on the track but against a rising cost of living, day after day, as the Roller Derby jumped from city to city.



DERBY STARS must be a combination of speed, figure and trick skaters. They are also over-spilled teammates and opponents. After deciding it's never to have to be able to maintain their balance under the most trying conditions, early to learn Mike and Billy get expert pointers in cerebales from mothers.

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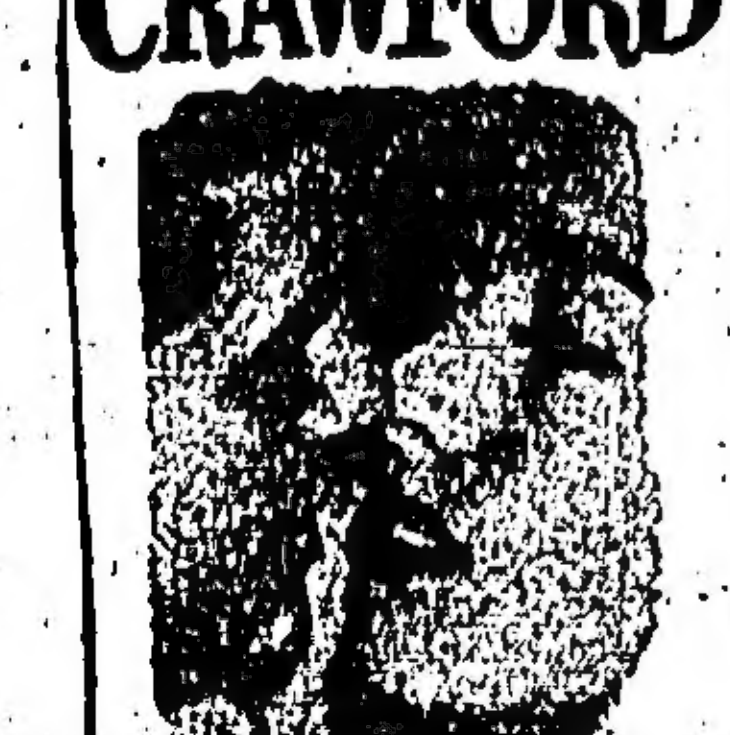
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Danny Kaye

Mr W. Marsland, of the Manchester branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters, points out that when Danny Kaye performs in London this year during the Festival of Britain he will be paid £7,000 a week or as much as a schoolmaster on his new maximum salary will earn in 11 years.

He was generous enough to say "Good luck to Danny Kaye," but he went on to ask why doctors, dentists and Danny Kaye commanded so much higher rates than schoolmasters could command.

And he declared, quite rightly, that it was because of the scarcity value.

That is how the market works.

Danny Kaye's go at a very high price because there are very few of them. Doctors and dentists go at a fairly high price because there are relatively few of them. Unskilled labour goes at a rather low price because the supply of such labour is fairly abundant.

SUPPLY—

Don't mix up these economic values with any other considerations, especially moral considerations.

Don't, for example, say that Danny Kaye gets an enormous salary because he deserves it. Not if you use the word deserve in its ordinary meaning.

Don't say that doctors and dentists get high incomes because they do skilled work. It is true in a way, but this compresses the argument too much. To get it clear it must be set out properly. Thus:

Because doctoring and dentistry are highly skilled operations, the supply of doctors and dentists is not very large, since the training is long and expensive. Because the supply is not large a high price attaches to the work.

Note this. If a lot of doctors and dentists dropped out of Heaven the increase in the supply would bring down their price. It wouldn't matter that they were just as skilled as before. Down would come the price.

—AND DEMAND—

A high price for services can prevail even if no skill at all is involved.

Why does the fat lady at the fair probably get two or three times the income of a skilled engineer? Because she deserves it? As I said, deserve is hardly the word. Because she works hard? But she has to sit still.

The answer is that the supply of ladies weighing over 20 stone is very short, and that is the one and only economic explanation.

Suppose she felt guilty about this and proposed to do some welfare work in her spare time.

"No, you don't," her manager would say. "First of all, you would be exhibiting yourself for nothing and spoiling your market. Worse than that, the exertion might take off 5 or 6 stone, and your occupation would be gone. At 22 stone you are unique. At 15 stone you would be one of a crowd."

It's important you should get this clear, because clear thinking on the issue will enable us to go the right way to reduce inequalities.

Remember, the market is quite impersonal. It values the product, not the merits of the producer.

Has Danny Kaye achieved his performing skill by tremendously hard work, or did his talent come naturally? Does he take it out of himself at every performance, or does he emerge fresh as a daisy? You, as the audience, are not concerned with that at all. You simply rate the performance.

A man may have been born a juggler, or he may have practised eight hours a day for 20 years. You don't argue about that. He is one of the few persons who can juggle 15



Danny Kaye—ready for another English season.
—Central Press Photo.

A Prolonged Burst Of Pageantry

Edward Small, who deals in big pictures, sometimes manages to miss the mark, but in "Lorna Doone" sufficient excitement is sustained to make it worthwhile.

The film is ideal fare for the family and is replete with situations which provoke excitement. There is abundant chivalry gleaned from the annals of England's romantic past.

It is made up of castles standing on cliffs, craggy waterfalls whose rocky summits are galloped by a young hero, the confession of a dying man which transforms Lorna Doone into a daughter of the Duke of Lorne, a knighthood conferred on the spur of the moment, a king in hiding, and secret passages which lead to freedom.

Exquisite colour lends its appeal to the story, and the medieval ages are recaptured in a prolonged burst of pageantry.

The fact that in the end all the ills are corrected and the knight wins his lady makes for the film's faithful adherence to form, and this does not displease as much as it satisfies for anybody who loves Robin Hood still wants him to abide by the fairy tale.

Richard Greene and Barbara Hale share steller honours and they make a handsome pair.—ADC

SHOW TALK by HAROLD CONWAY

BRITISH FILM HAS A NAZI AS THE HERO

★ Most British film studios avoid controversial topics like the plague. But a new picture being made at Eistree is probably going to stir up a lively controversy. Its title is "So Little Time" . . . and the hero—most sympathetically drawn—is a Nazi officer.

Here is a new kind of screen hero indeed unless you count the sneaking admiration we felt some years ago for Eric Portman's escaping submarine commander in "49th Parallel".

Heroine of "So Little Time" is a young Belgian girl whose family have been killed by the Nazis, but who falls hopelessly in love with the German military commander of her town.

THAT WORD

★ Vienna-born Maria Schell, whose home is in Switzerland, plays the part. It is her biggest role since she came to England unknown 18 months ago.

Britain's Marius Goring is the Nazi commander. He and Miss Schell go to Belgium this month for location scenes. With them in an important supporting role goes Goring's German-born wife Lalee Mannheim.

I welcome the producers' enterprise, though they are apparently not without a certain trepidation. They win at the word "Nazi". So far as they are concerned, the hero is a "German".

PERHAPS...

★ Audrey Hepburn is an attractive young soubrette who has done some promising bits and pieces in West End revue and cabaret. Then she was given a film test.

Ever since then she has been publicised as one of the most exciting discoveries. British studios have made. I hope her checks are not too red this week.

For Miss Hepburn's first picture—"Laughter in Paradise"—has just been shown. She has two fleeting appearances on the screen of what seemed to be a few seconds each.

We have still to see two other pictures in which she has taken part. Perhaps she will yet dazzle us. But it would have been wiser—and more helpful to Miss Hepburn herself—to hold up the trumpet—blowing!—until then.

THAT FESTIVAL ALBUM

★ The Festival has now become the fashionable alibi for West End theatre flops.

I have never heard of anything better. Shows that the public really want to see are packed. The Olivier's in Shaw-and-Shakespeare top instance. John Gielgud's in solo show. Robertson Hare in English farce. Robert Morley in French farce, anything French.



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★ Enter MISS CHRISTIE. Back from excavating a 3,000-year-old town in Iraq: murder-novelist Agatha Christie, confessing to a broken vow.

At least, most of the excavating was done by her husband, Max Mallowan: he is Professor of Archaeology at London University. Miss Christie, as usual, worked in the capacity of his secretary.

"And I mean secretary," she told me before leaving. "You can't mix murder and archaeology."

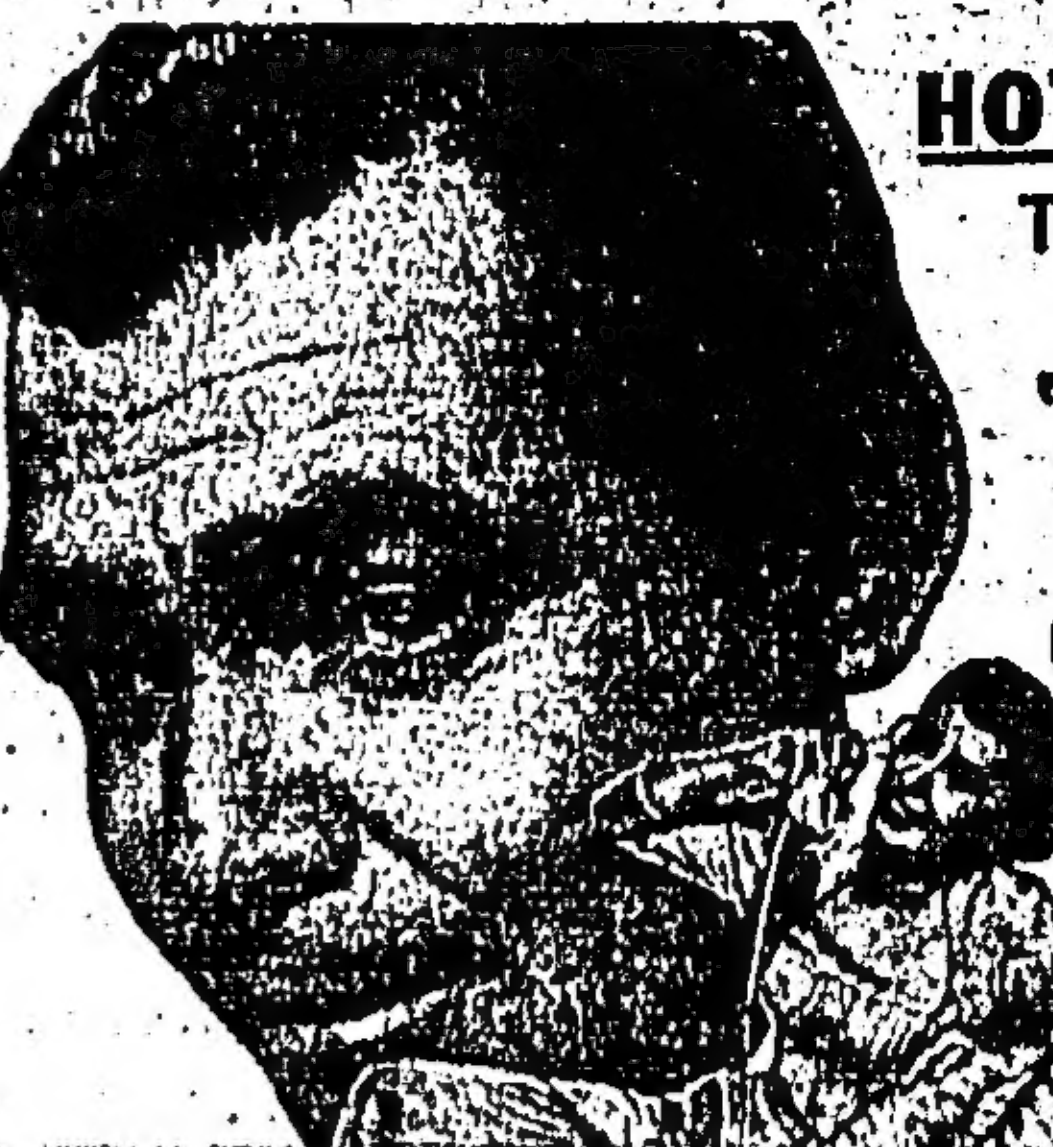
But she did. For she has come back with the script of a new play, "The Hollow," adapted from an earlier novel: it goes on the Fortune with Jeanne de Casalis as a titled woman who is not as feather-brained as she appears.

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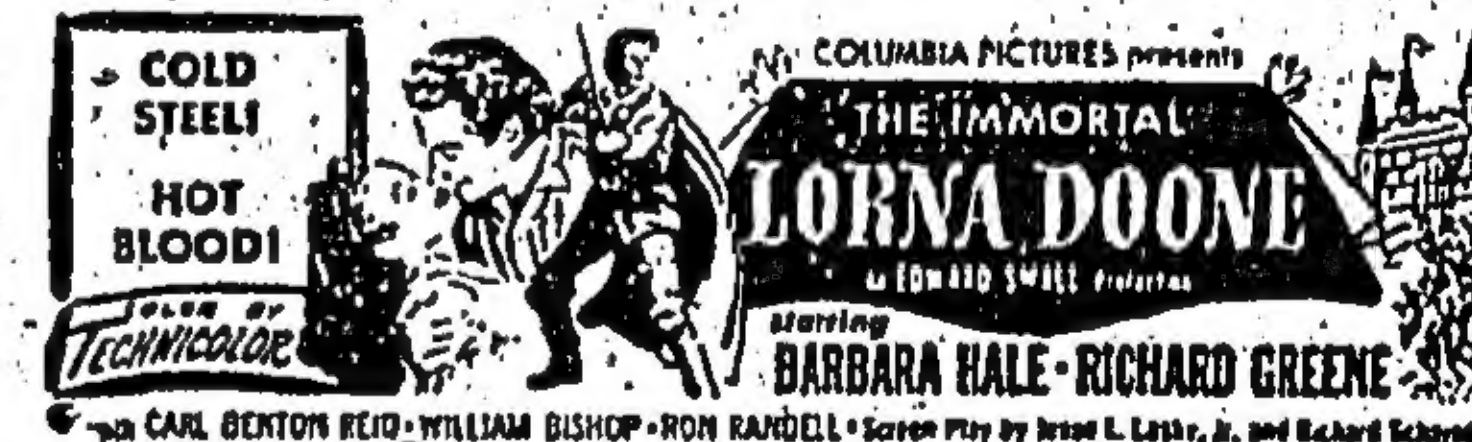
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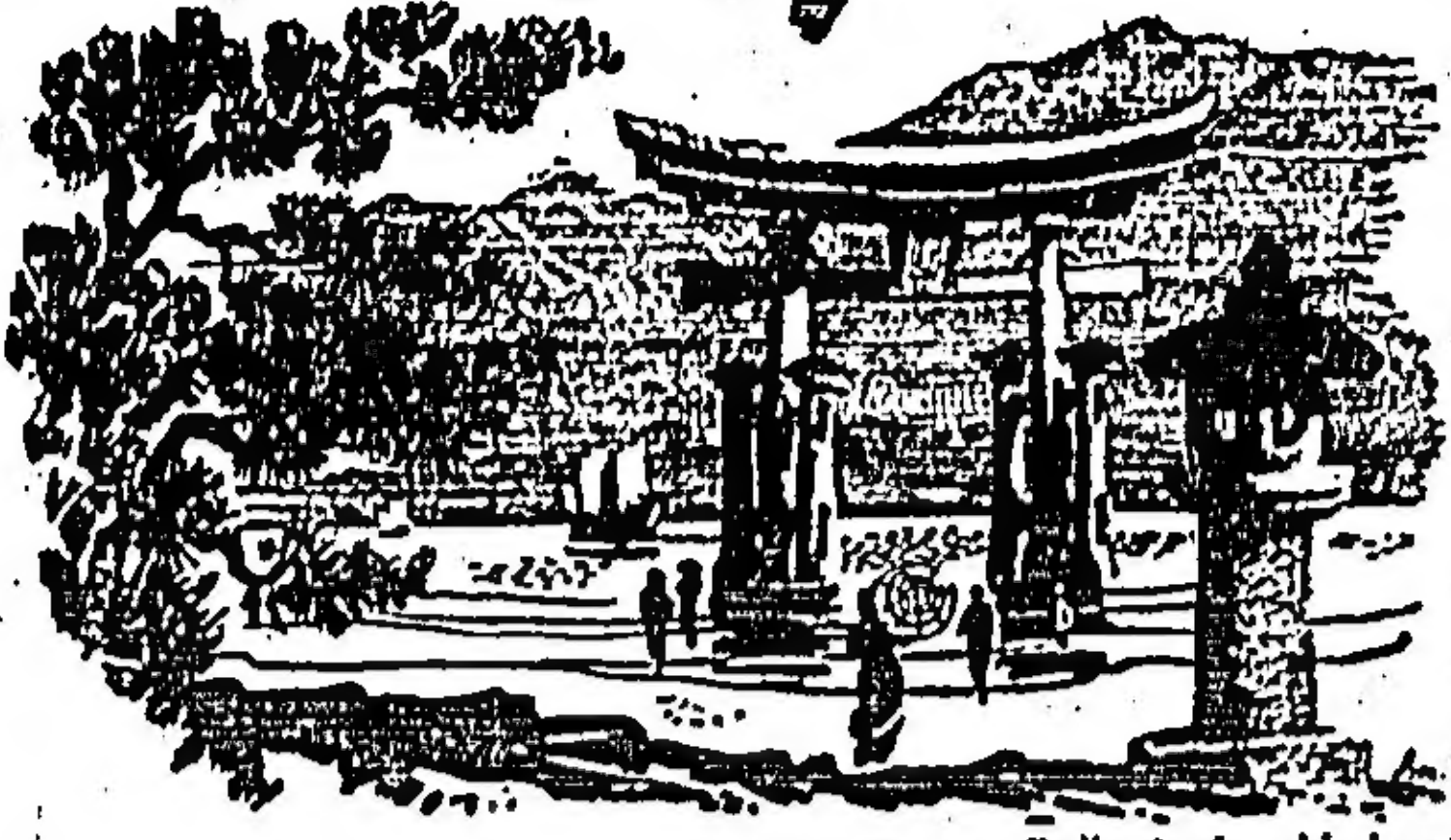
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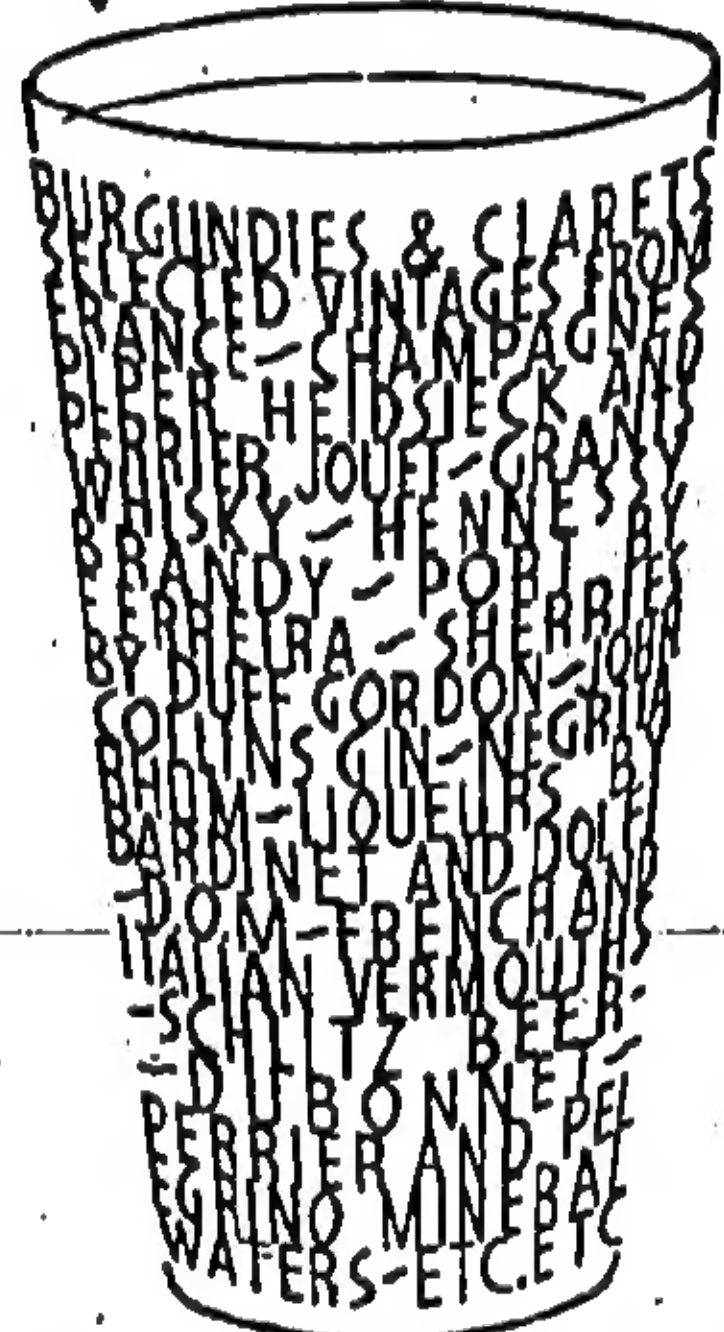
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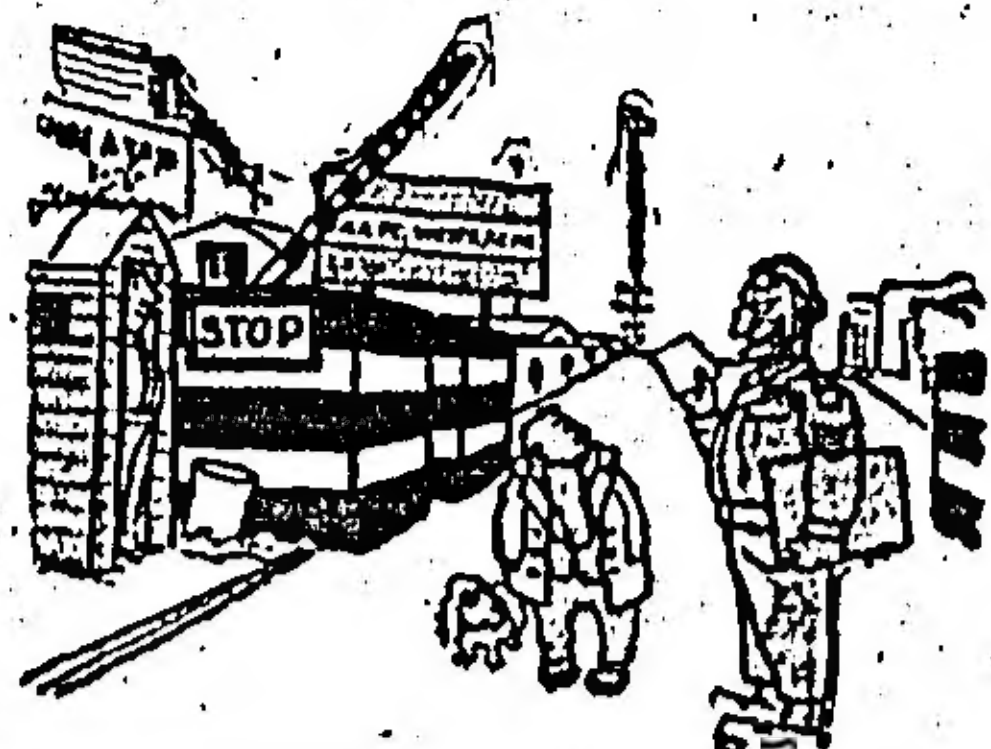
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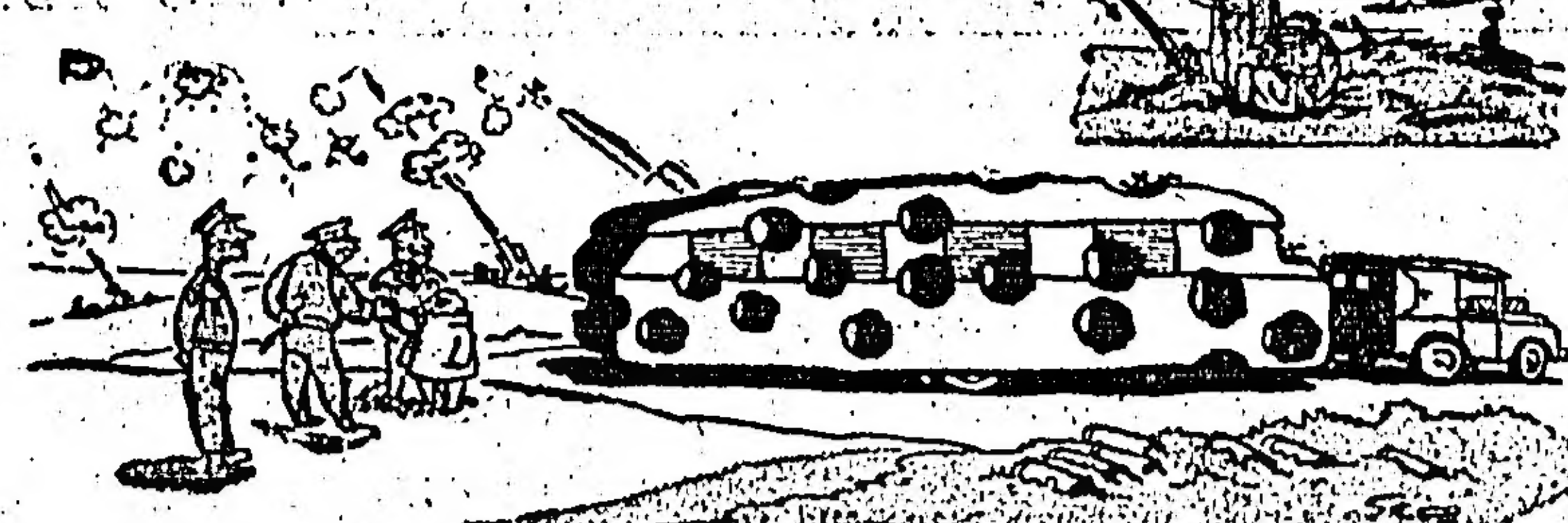
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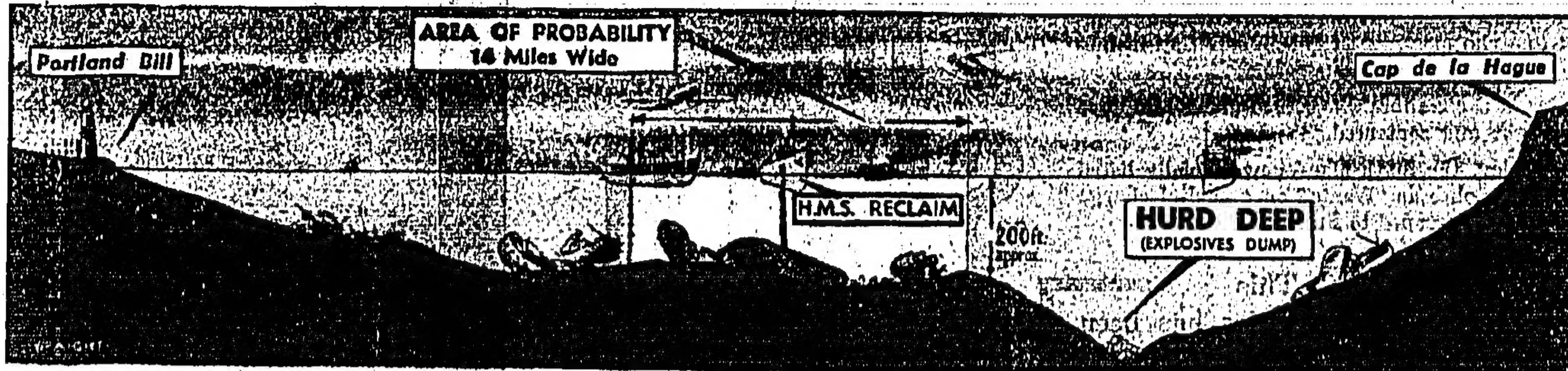
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THE FULL, DRAMATIC STORY OF THE SEARCH FOR THE LOST SUBMARINE

'Somewhere down there is the AFFRAY'

by PETER DACRE

SIXTY-ONE days ago the submarine Affray sailed from Portsmouth on a practice war patrol. At 9.15 in the evening she dived off the Isle of Wight.

Fifteen hours later she was officially reported missing. The world was told that a submarine and 75 men had vanished without a clue.

Ever since that moment ships and planes have searched unceasingly for her. So far they report: "No success."

How has this greatest of all sea searches been made? Why can't the Affray be found?

It all started at noon on April 17 when "Fosams"—the Navy's name for Flag Office Submarines—telephoned the cryptic message "Submash Two" to the operations room in Admiralty House at Portsmouth.

It was the signal for pre-arranged submarine rescue operations to swing into action.

FIFTY ships

AN armada of 50 ships from four nations, Coastal Command planes and naval aircraft from Lee-on-Solent—they alone flew 258 sorties in 535 hours—swept an area along

the course the Affray should have steered.

In those early days the searchers rode on the waves of hope. The 3,300-ton Liverpool steamer Andalusian spotted a patch of oil and a submarine was hurriedly sent to investigate.

A Coastal Command aircraft dropped a marker-buoy, and another plane mistook it for one of the Affray's.

The greatest heart-break was the incident which led the Admiralty to report that Affray had been found stuck on the bottom in 35 fathoms of water about 30 miles off the Needles.

90-MILE 'box'

It has puzzled the Navy as much as the public. Two ratings in the submarine Sea Devil thought they read the letter 'S' repeated four times on the supersonic telegraph, a system of under-water communication. Other ships heard what they believed to be tapping.

But when the area was searched nothing was found.

Most naval men now believe that the noises were caused by the numerous Asdic sets being tuned-in. But that explanation does not satisfy everybody, including top-ranking submarine officers.

Were they signals from the Affray?

When there was no longer any "reasonable hope" the search entered a new phase.

Three destroyers, four minesweepers, a radar ship, salvage

vessel, and the diving ship Reclaim started to sweep an oblong box 90 miles long and 14 wide.

This "Area of Probability" was split into 28 boxes and each searched thoroughly. It was like looking for something 290 feet long and 25 feet wide somewhere in a 14-mile corridor between Southampton and Exeter.

Occasionally the hunters were visited by Captain Howard Johnston, in command of all the underwater operations. For him it was a sad duty—his son was aboard the Affray.

Now the hunt has been extended into a five-mile lane along the south side of the oblong.

This is how the searchers work. Four ships about a mile apart sail up each box, their Asdic apparatus raking the bottom with electronic impulses which, when they hit an object, bounce back, making a high-pitched "ping."

By measuring the length of time the echo takes to return, the object's position can be fixed. Once directly overhead other echo-sounding equipment still in the experimental stage and on the secret list is used to trace an outline of the object.

If it resembles a submarine one of the Reclaim's 17 divers, the Navy's best, is sent down. Three ships form a triangle and drop "shots," a 4½-inch thick rope with a hundredweight lead sinker at one end and a marker buoy at the other.

SILT and mud

When the Reclaim enters the triangle and drops another "shot" which guides the diver to the bottom, it takes him three to five minutes to sink 200 feet and at that depth he can stop up to 30 minutes.

But in the Affray search strong tides have limited the sea-bed stay to an average of 10-12 minutes. It is a hazardous job, for there is always the risk of getting entangled in a wreck.

Silt and mud are so thick that even if lights were lowered they could hardly pierce the gloom. Startled fish peer through the diver's glass vision, and have to be waved away repeatedly—an exhausting job in itself.

For every minute under water they are paid extra, ranging from a penny to sixpence, according to the depth dived. The Affray men are getting fourpence.

With the Reclaim's latest equipment a diver can come up in five minutes, but he has to stay in the ship's decompression chamber for 23 minutes.

DIVER trapped

For weeks this kind of searching went on. About 120 wrecks were located, but the divers made only 22 descents. Even when it was decided to dive on an object bad weather often delayed things for days. Each dive brought only more disappointment.

Once the divers found a bomber's fuselage; another time two D-Day landing barges. An object viewed with high hopes proved to be a barnacle-encrusted wreck.

A large merchant ship which it was thought the Affray might be alongside was alone in its weed-entangled grave.

While investigating this ship Petty Officer Robert "Nobby" Hall became trapped upside down. In the Reclaim, men tugged at his ropes. Suddenly there were no more signals. Then the telephone cable attached to the diver's helmet came out of the water.

It meant that water could seep into Hall's diving-dress. Just as another diver was about to be lowered, Hall surfaced.

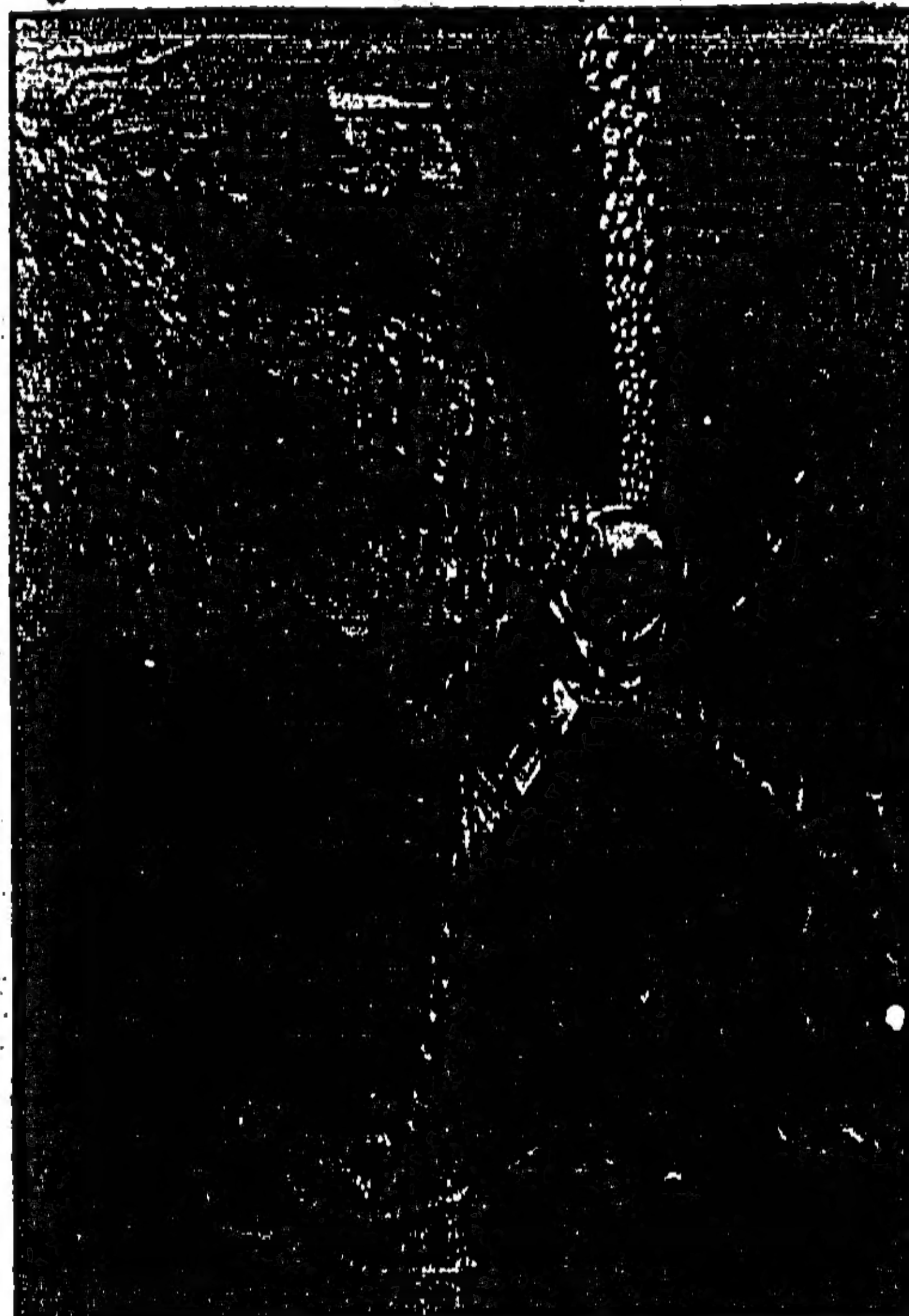
The other day he said: "I suddenly found myself upside down looking up through the hold of the ship. Then I realised that I couldn't move my head."

'GUINEA-pig'

Then it was decided to make a guinea-pig test. Some 27 miles off Portland Bill the Sidon re-enclosed the Affray's last dive in conditions exactly like those in the area where she was lost.

For five hours she sat on the bottom while Asdics groped for her. To the crew of 44 it was a routine affair—some of them polished the brass while waiting—but it was a vital experiment.

It was successful. The Sidon was found and its outline sketched. The Admiralty is now convinced that:



ALONE in the depths, at 200 feet, the diver edges his way over the sea bed. Strange fish peer through his visor; hidden wrecks obstruct his path. He can stay there 30 minutes—then he ascends again to the living world of men.

"The falling to find the Affray does not disprove the effectiveness of Asdic to detect underwater objects."

But where is the Affray? Did she go off her course for some reason and is now lying on the bottom of Hurd Deep, an underwater valley which drops to a depth of over 500 feet and is used as an ammunition dump?

A large part of Hurd Deep comes into the extended area of search and is now being probed by Asdic. If anything is found pressurised diving equipment would be used, say the Admiralty.

Experts are now asking if more could not be done to prevent such disasters. They declare that if the Channel is so weed-clogged, that finding a lost vessel becomes highly difficult, submarines should not practise there.

Should the chief submarine base be moved to safer waters? There are whispers that this is being considered at the Admiralty.

How long will the search go on? "It is in our interests to find the Affray," says the Admiralty. "Our constructors want to look at it. There is no intention to relinquish the search."

Down at Portsmouth a diver put it another way. From the decks of H.M.S. Reclaim he gazed out to sea and said: "Somewhere down there is the Affray. And we mean to find her."

(London Express Service.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this article was written, the Affray has been located in about 200 feet of water about 50 miles southwest of the Isle of Wight.



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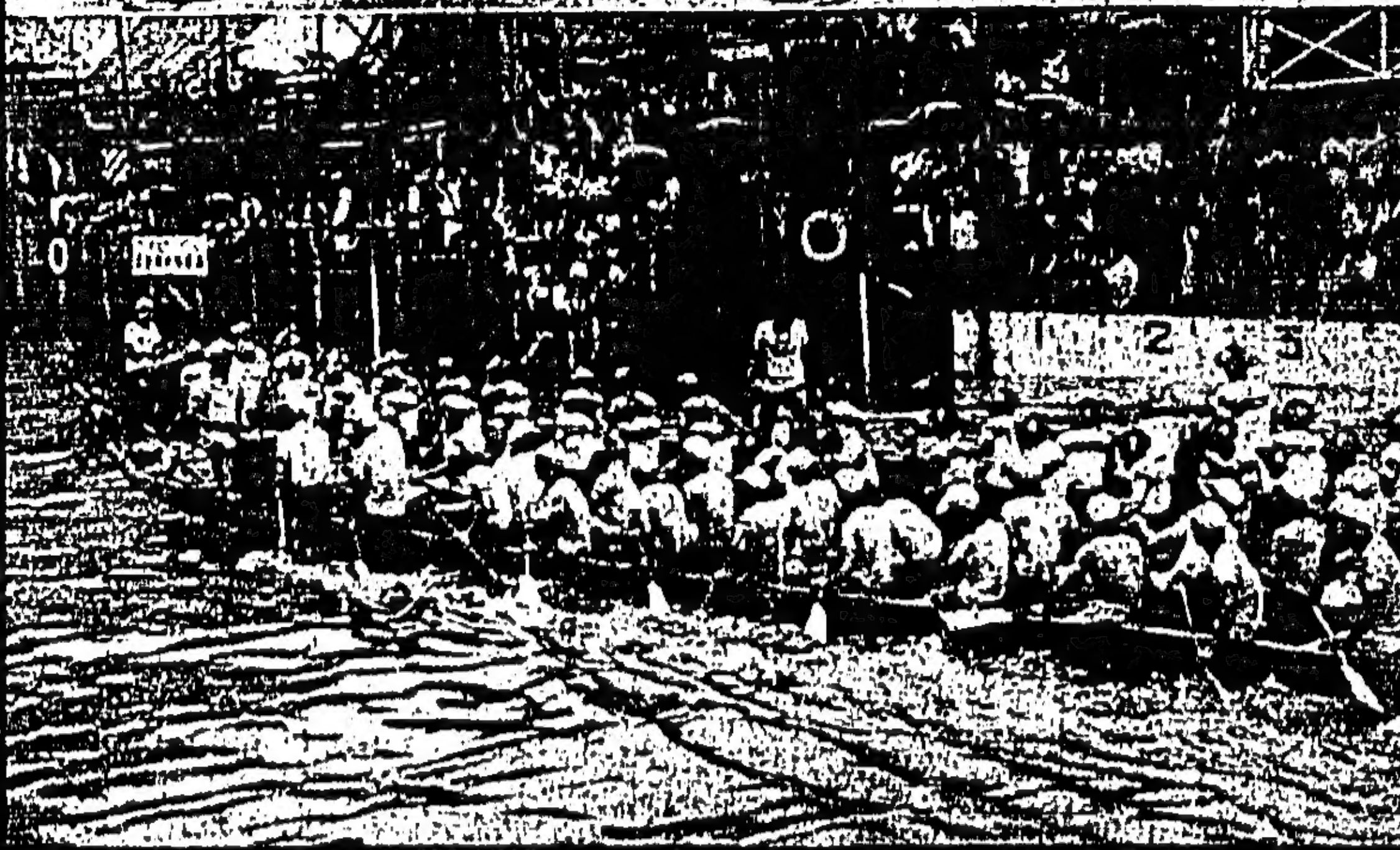
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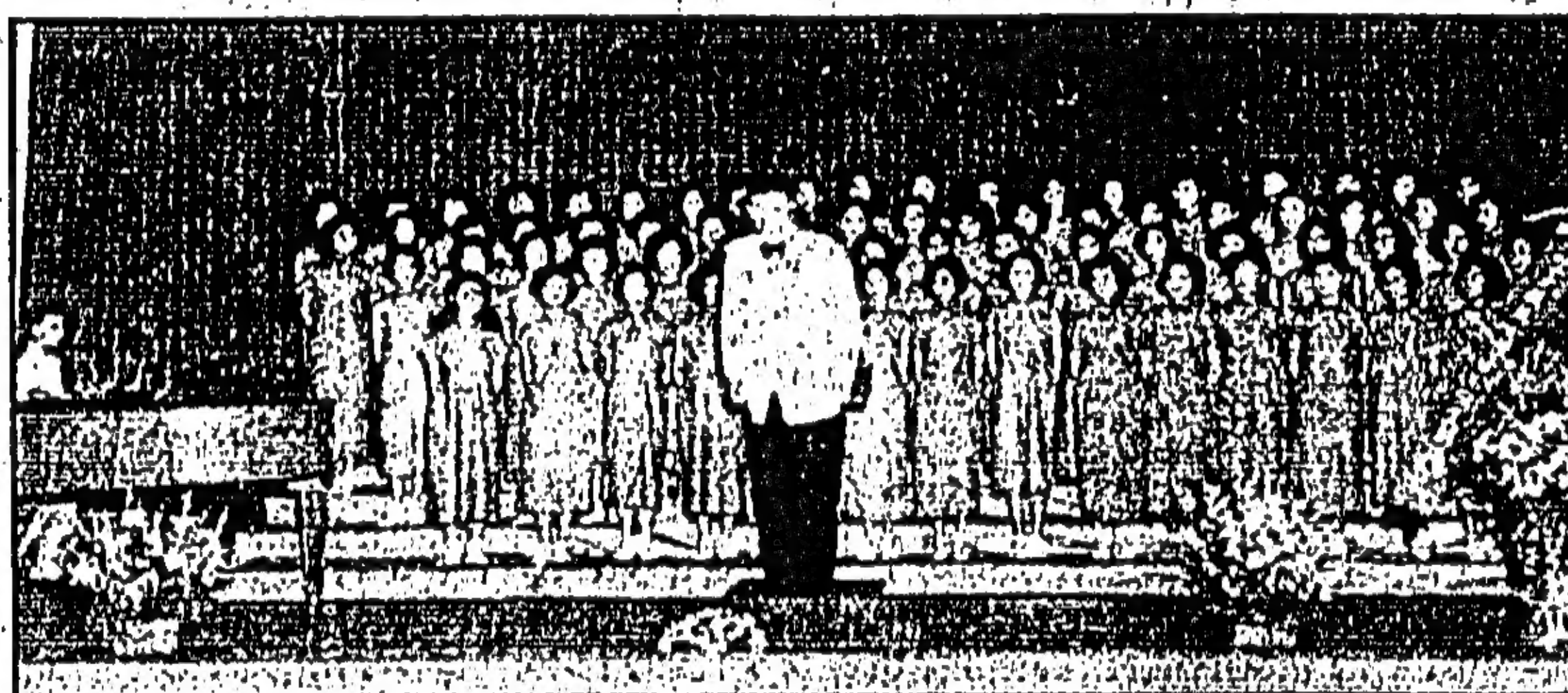
AT THE DAIRY FARM



THE annual dragon boat races drew a large and distinguished gathering to the Chung Shing Benevolent Association's swimming pavilion at Kennedy Town last Saturday. In picture above, HE the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. R. R. Todd, and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow are interested spectators. On right are two views of the races. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken outside the Holy Trinity Church last Sunday after the christening of Peter George, son of Lieut-Commander and Mrs C. C. H. Brown. (Staff Photographer)



PROFESSOR Chao Mei-pa acknowledging the plaudits of the audience after conducting choral pieces sung by the St Stephen's Girls' College choir at a concert last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, last Saturday on the occasion of the wedding of Mr Gordon F. Spittal and Miss Freda Tong. (Staff Photographer)



PHOTOGRAPH of those who took part in the ordination service at St John's Cathedral on Monday last when the Rev. Denham Cray was ordained priest. Mr. Cray is seen standing in centre on the right of the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rev. R. O. Hall. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken after the christening, at St John's Cathedral last week, of Robert George, son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Kotowall. (Ming Yuen)



FRIENDS of Sheila Ribeiro, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. F. V. Ribeiro, who attended her twelfth birthday party. Sheila is seated in centre. (Mainland Studio)



A FAREWELL party given at the Hongkong University Alumni Association to Professors R. K. M. Simpson and R. Robertson by some of their early students. The Professors are in the front row. (Staff Photographer)

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MR. Arthur Henry Charles Pinnell and his bride, formerly Miss Florence Elizabeth Beckwith. Their marriage took place at the Registry last Saturday. (Ming Yuen)



DR. Tan Ewe-ahk and his bride, Dr. (Miss) Eleonor Eu, photographed with their attendants after their wedding at St Joseph's Church last Saturday. (Ming Yuen)

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THE Choral Group photographed at the concert which they gave at Queen's College last week. The conductor is Professor Elisio Gualdi. (Ming Yuen)



THE Hon. and Mrs. R. R. Todd inspecting some of the books presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce after the opening of the new Children's Library at the War Memorial Centre. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP photograph taken at St Andrew's Church after the christening of Elaine, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs D. E. Salter. (Jimmy Foo)



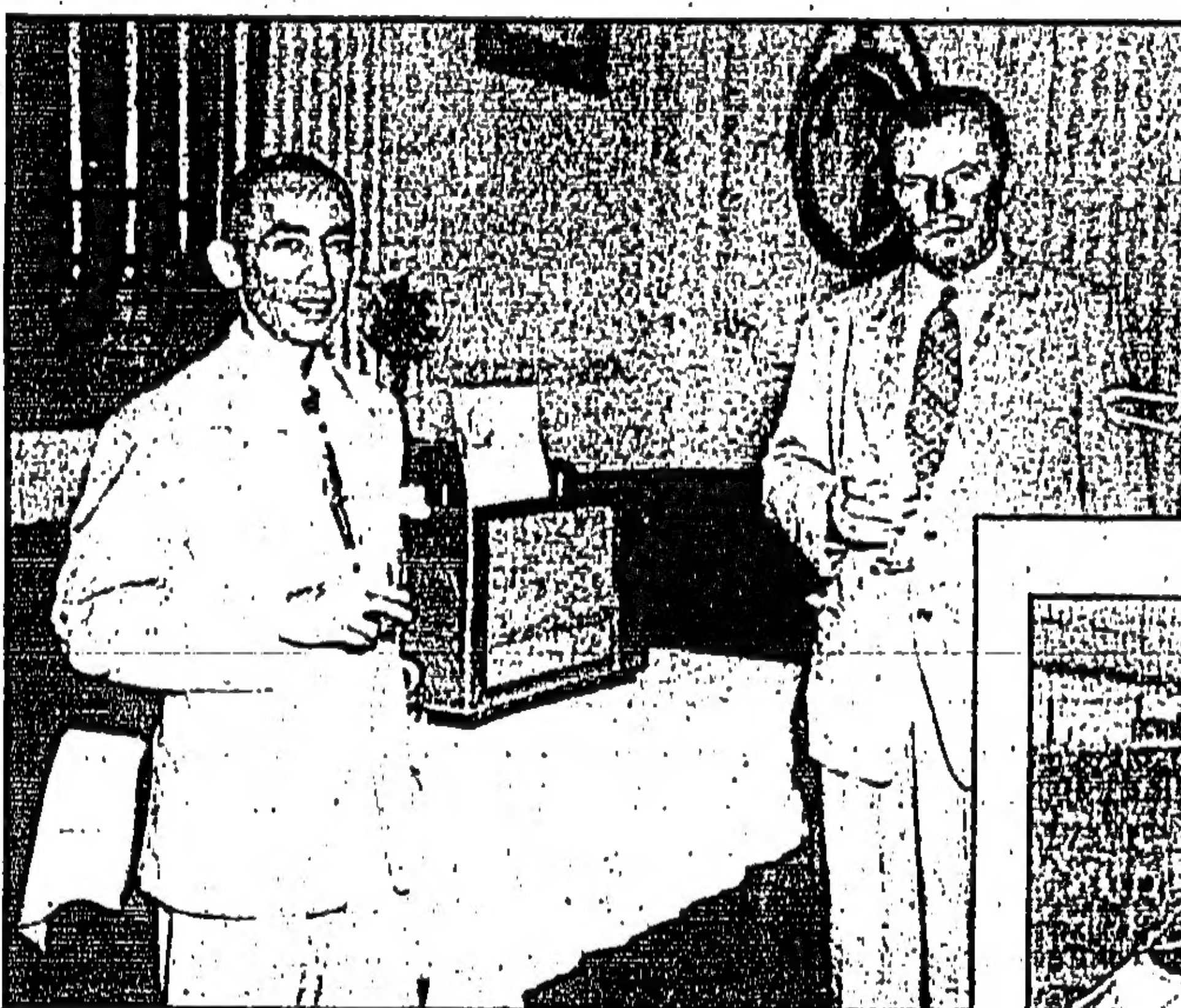
BRIDAL group taken at St Teresa's Church last Saturday following the wedding of Miss Angela Maria Lima to Mr Alfred Daniel Malig. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Family picture taken after the christening of Kathleen Jean, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. Barron, at St John's Cathedral last Sunday. (Ming Yuen)



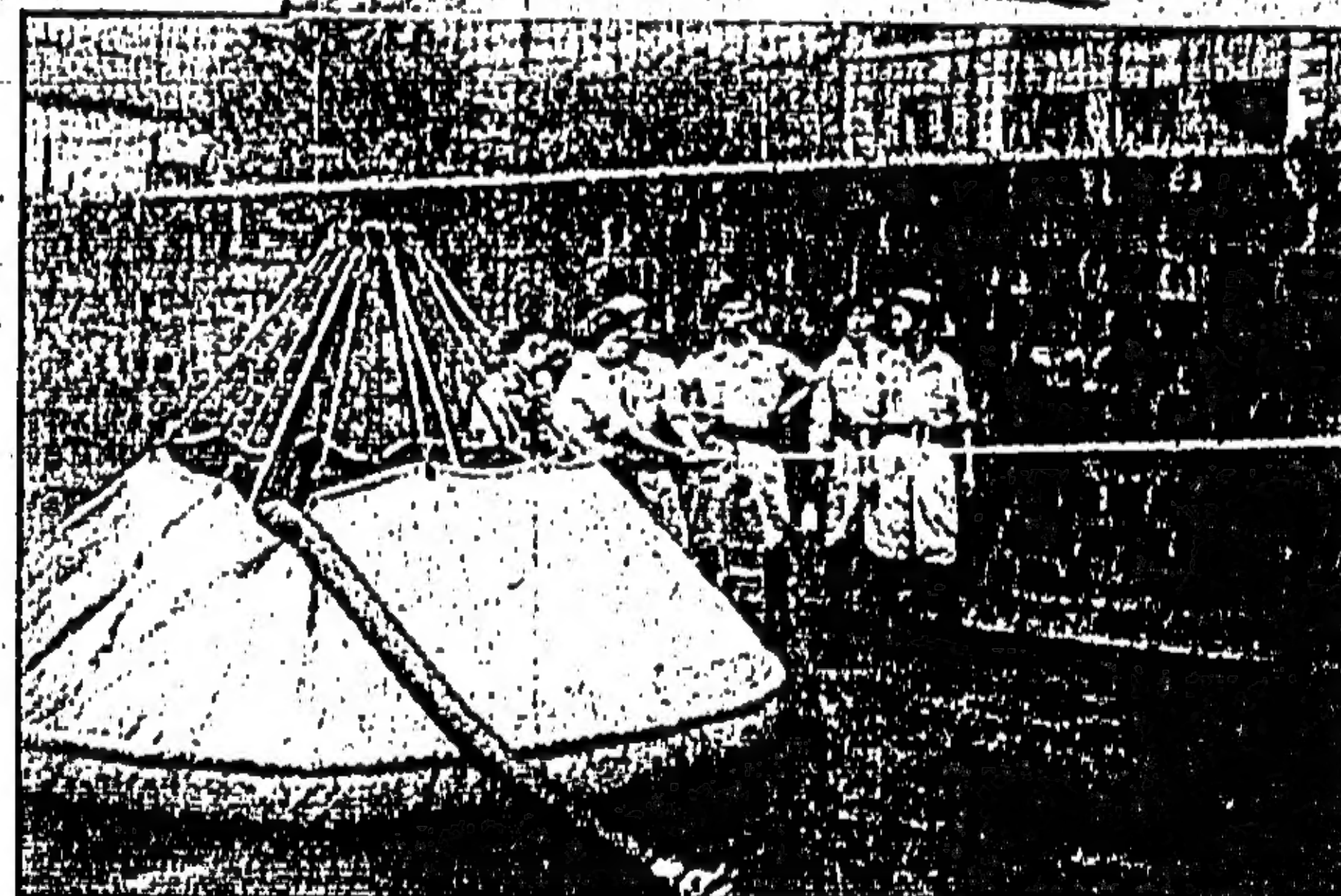
HONGKONG Medical Department officials pose beside the new mobile X-ray TB clinic presented by the UN International Children's Emergency Fund. From left: Dr A. S. Moodie, TB specialist, Mr C. F. Miles, Dr K. C. Yeo, Acting Director of Medical Services, Mr E. L. Strange and Dr H. C. Ho, senior radiologist. (Staff Photographer)



MR J. M. Morhaus (right), general manager of the National Handelsbank, who is leaving shortly on retirement, was presented with farewell gifts from the staff at a reception at the Club Lusitano on Wednesday. Mr V. M. Barradas (left) made the presentation on behalf of his colleagues. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Members of the Auxiliary Fire Service snapped at water drill exercise at the training depot in Wanchai. In the upper picture, Mr Wong Wai-toi is seen demonstrating to recruits various methods of extricating casualties from under debris. (Staff Photographer)



BELOW: At the public presentation on Thursday to the Rt Rev. N. V. Halward, who is shortly leaving for Canada to take up the post of Assistant Bishop of British Columbia. Bishop Halward is holding a camphor wood box with scroll presented by Mr C. C. Quah, Colony Boy Scout Commissioner, who is seen on the left. (Staff Photographer)



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MONSIGNOR Henry Valtorta, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hongkong, shaking hands with Lieut. Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh at the public reception held at the Hongkong Hotel to celebrate his episcopal silver jubilee. (Staff Photographer)



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Laundering Directions For Silks

By ELEANOR ROSS

THERE is plenty of silk in various weaves, from American mills, with a rich variety of imports from the Orient, from France and Italy. And silk prints are coming in again, lovely, delicate colours and patterns, too. And best of all, so far as this department is concerned, is that so many of the silk weaves are washable. When you purchase a silk dress or blouse, inquire whether the fabric is a washable, for so many of the silks are. Don't be afraid, then, to take on a dress, if the fabric is washable, for the task is not a formidable one, even to the laundress of real amateur standing.

Coloured Ribbons

Pure silks should be washed by hand. First of all, remove shoulder pads and any coloured ribbons that are detachable. Then immerse dress or blouse in tepid water nicely lathered up with mild soap suds. Many professional laundry workers advise a pinch of salt in the water to prevent the running or fading of colour.

Work gently but briskly. Work suds gently through fabric, but be careful to avoid friction. If there is a stubborn stain, don't scrub. Never soak silks, even for a few minutes but complete the job in one operation, once started. Rinse very thoroughly, changing water at least twice. Never use bleach or bluing on white silk. Instead, use a powdered rinse or a brand of soapflakes chemically compounded to preserve whiteness.

After rinsing, press out excess water, but be careful not to twist or wring the fabric for such handling breaks the fibres. Roll garment in clean Turkish towel to absorb excess moisture. Hang away from intense heat or sunshine and let damp dry.

Good Idea

Do not iron crepes that have dried thoroughly and then been dampened, they won't turn out properly. A good idea is to place silks rolled in a towel in the refrigerator for an hour or so before ironing. You'll be pleased to find that crisp cold silk irons beautifully without any stretching. Use a moderate iron, press on the wrong side, always in the direction of the weave. To prevent shine or scorching, place a piece of gauze under the fabric and a dampened press cloth over it. Hang silk dresses, jackets and robes on properly shaped, padded hangers to preserve shape of shoulders and neckline and the hang of the garment.

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

MAYBE your castle in the air isn't any bigger than today's home, a compact little country cottage.

Pretty as a picture, this cosy white frame house isn't large, yet it's spacious enough to contain three bedrooms. The floor plan is so efficiently arranged that every inch of space is utilised.

A multi-paned picture window, flower boxes and a small entrance porch make the exterior of the house attractive. Horizontal siding is used on the first floor. Scalloped vertical siding provides an interesting design over the picture window and the entrance.



The small vestibule inside the entrance features a convenient clothing closet.

From the vestibule, you enter the good-sized living room, which is bigger than you might expect it to be in a small house. A large picture window and a small window make a charming corner arrangement at one side of the room. Next to them, the fireplace blazes a cheery note of welcome.

This room is long, and, when the house is built with a basement, it turns off L-shaped at the far end to make room for a small dining area. This effectively eliminates the necessity of an additional room for this purpose.

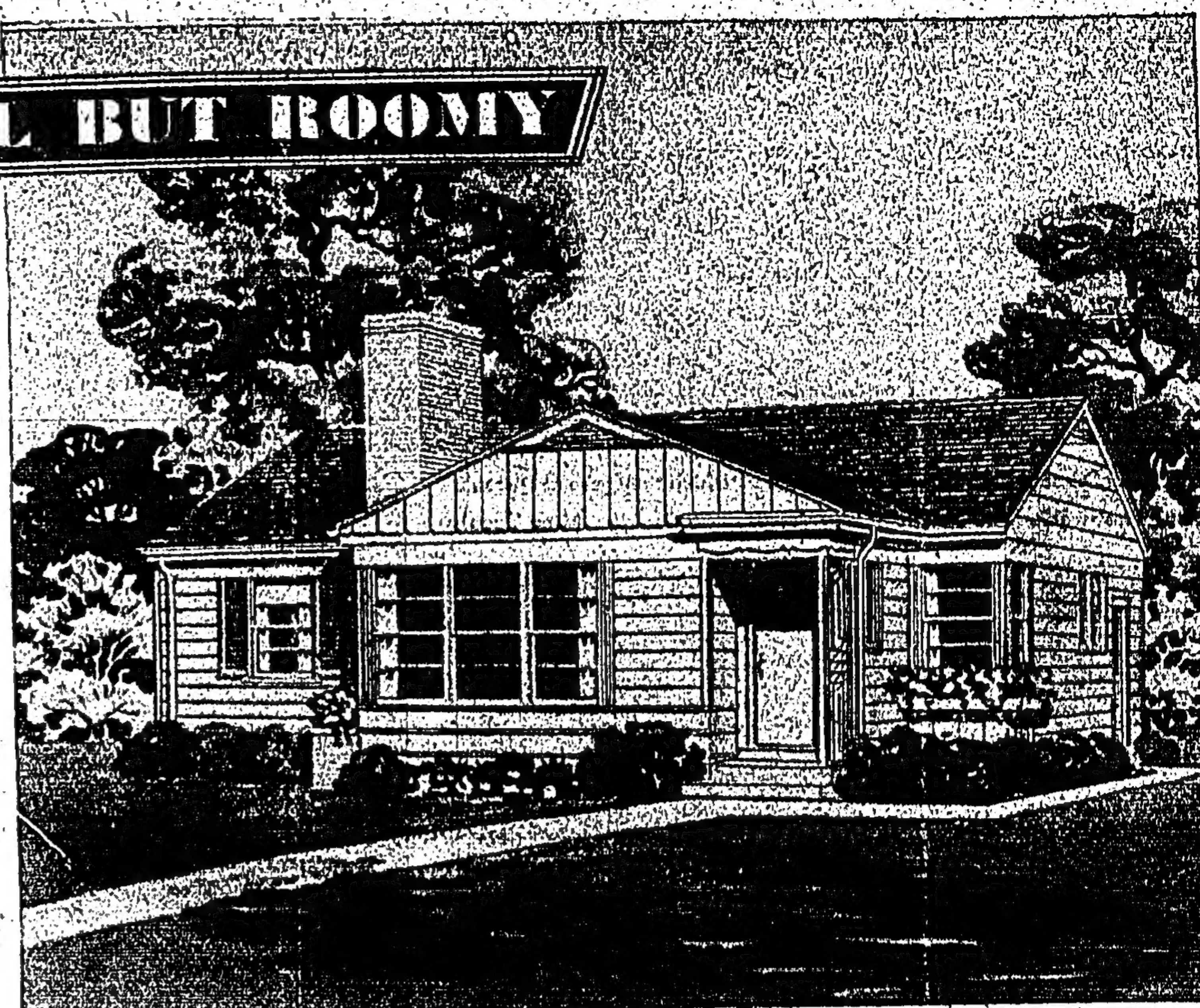


The dining area is eliminated when the house is built with a basement. Instead, a generous snack corner is provided in the kitchen.

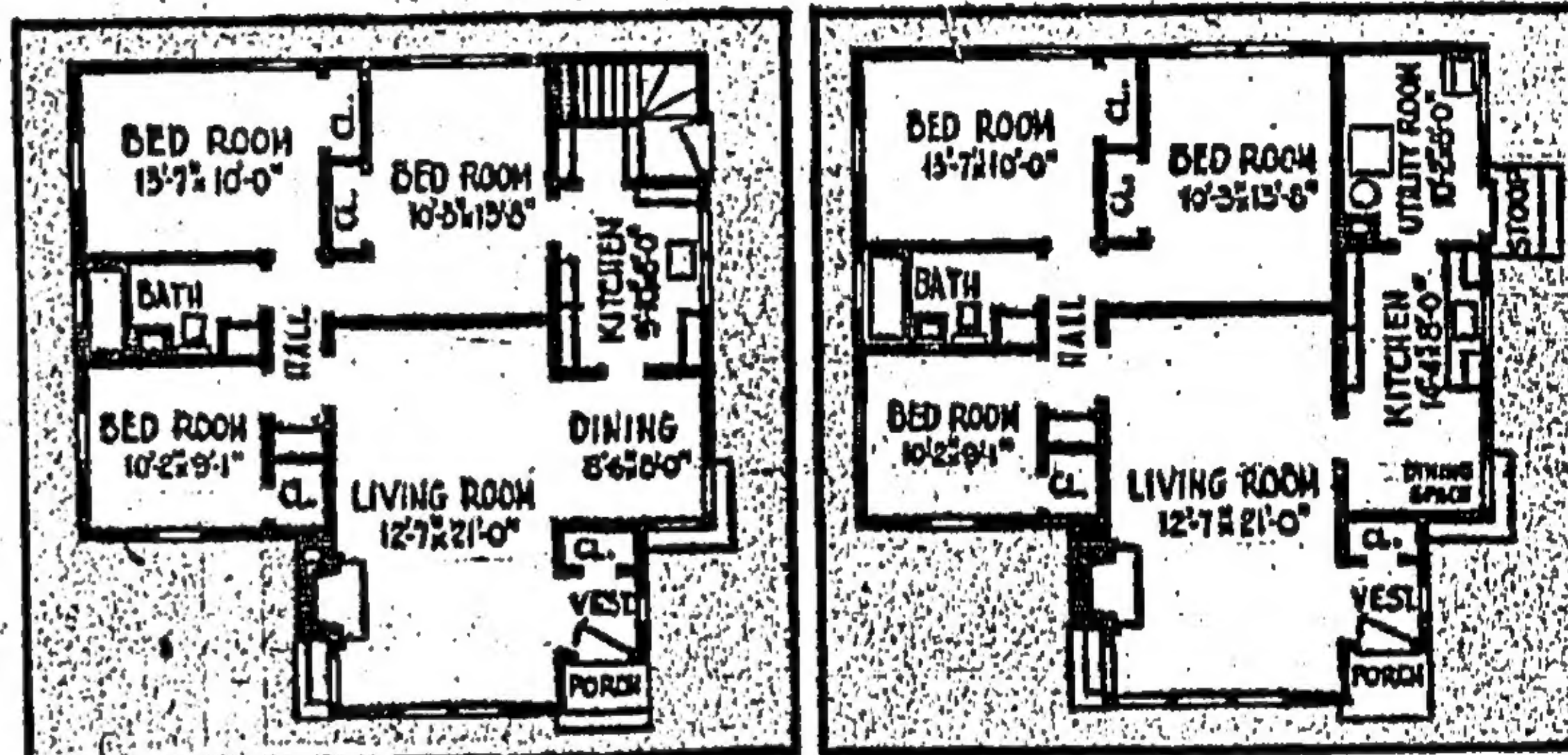
The kitchen in both plans is streamlined and efficient. Appliances and cabinets are arranged, corridor style, along opposite walls.

The space beyond the kitchen is used for a broom closet and a stairway to the cellar when the house has a basement. A utility room occupies this area when the house is built without a basement.

Both plans provide a side entrance. Sleeping quarters are to the left of the living room. Two of these rooms are large enough to accommodate twin beds. Each bedroom has its own closet and two windows. The bath features a towel storage unit and there's a linen closet in the hallway. The house comprises 20,785 cubic feet with a basement; 13,100 cubic feet, without a basement.



ALTHOUGH NOT LARGE, today's house, a cosy cottage, country style, is spacious. Flower boxes brighten the exterior. The multi-paned picture window and two corner windows in the kitchen add interest.



PLAN FOR a house with basement, at left, provides a dining space in the living room. Without a basement, plan at right, eliminates this dining area and incorporates a snack space at one end of the kitchen.

Your Sewing Scrapbook

by Mary Brooks Picken

Ribbon Accessories—Little-Money Touches

RIBBON is probably the least expensive decoration you can buy for a dress or suit. It is easy to handle and easily cleanable, and it adds beauty value to whatever it is worn with, provided you plan your colour and your making so that the ribbon seems to belong to the garment.

Barrel cuffs are ideal for lengthening an awkward sleeve or for adding colour. Buy two yards of 4" wide colourful ribbon. Divide it into 2 even lengths.

Lengthwise Edges

Stitch lengthwise edges of the two strips together, making a narrow seam. Cut in two equal lengths crosswise and French-stem cut edges of each.

Make two rows of gathers on top and bottom edges with elastic sewing thread. Sew some gay buttons at intervals over the centre seams as shown and you will have cuffs to slip on with a dress, blouse or suit in a jiffy.

Collar and Cuff Set

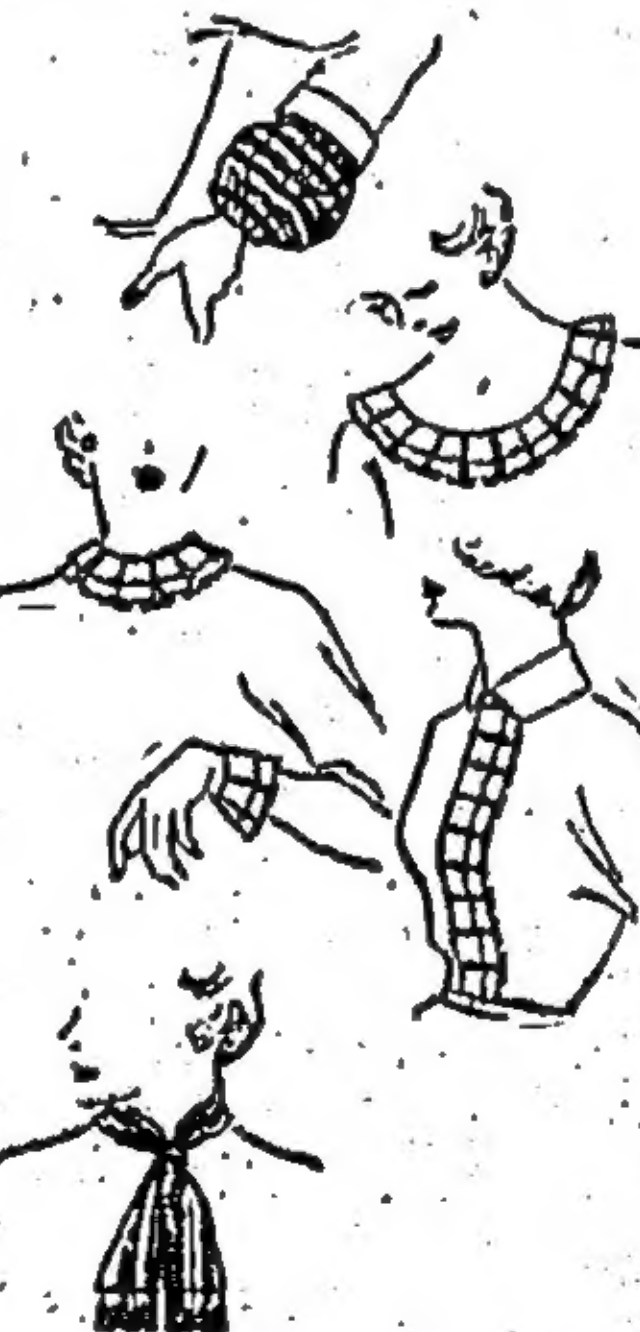
Fleated ribbon trim for a collar and cuff set, or down centre front closing of dress. Measure neckline and cuffs, or the centre front. Buy 3 times the measurements in 4" wide ribbon.

Turn one edge over 1½", press this flat, then lay ribbon in one-inch pleats, bringing the pleated edges together to form box pleats both sides. Pin or baste these pleats. Stitch along the folded edge, remove pins or basting and press the ribbon.

Neckline Curve

Pleats will prove most accommodating on a neckline curve or cuff, yokes or fabric edges of any kind. When cut to suitable lengths, make very narrow hem on edges.

Neckline ties for wear with a suit, or over a plain, collarless dress. Buy 1½ yds. of 3" wide ribbon; cut off 1" to make the loop. Stitch the raw edges of this loop piece, using a ¼" seam. Turn to right side. Sew a snap on one end of this piece. Stitch ends of the remaining piece of ribbon.



Make a 6" fold-back in each end of ribbon, beginning 7" up from fringe. Catch the three thicknesses of ribbon together at this point, gathering these across into a space 1" wide and making sure stitches will hold. Sew end of loop to edge of the where this gathering is and sew snap at other edge.

When tie is put around neck, simply lap other gathered end over and snap the loop to position to hold the tie in place. An old-fashioned stick-pin such as our fathers wore or a push-on button may be used to hold ribbons together or crisscross as you desire.

A CUSHION CAN HELP YOU DEVELOP AVA'S CHARM

NEW YORK.—Pull up a cushion, girls, and let Fran Warren tell you how it can help you develop the appeal of an Ava Gardner.

The red-haired singer observed that the voice should be a woman's most appealing characteristic. Yet, she said, it's the one thing women neglect most.

"A woman's voice is the key to her charm and attractiveness," Miss Warren said. "Listen to Marlene Dietrich or Ava Gardner talk, to see what I mean. Real appeal there... nothing high-pitched and shrill, as most women sound."

If your voice is about as appealing as the sound of a buzz-saw, Miss Warren suggests that you get in some daily practice with a cushion.

LIKE A WHISPER

"Recline on a cushy tuft, the cushion under your head, close your eyes and imagine you're speaking to the man you love," Miss Warren instructed. "Whisper to him... not a real whisper but so low-voiced it sounds like a whisper."

Miss Warren thinks that if you are the shy type, it would be better to practise in solitude. If you're brave, let the husband or boy-friend in on the practice session.

She also recommended a make-believe routine for helping develop voice appeal.

"Sit or stand in front of a mirror," Miss Warren said. "Imagine you are Hedy Lamarr or Ava Gardner and talk to your reflection. Most women enjoy this exercise and it's very effective."

TWO METHODS

To check the sound of your own voice, she recommended either of two methods. One is to stand in a corner and speak. The other is to bend the head forward slightly, cup your hands over your ears and speak. The tones which come back to you are the ones others hear.

Fran, who admitted her own throaty voice always has been with her, said the men ought to practise a little voice control too. If they want someone to pattern after, she recommended Tony Martin or Ezio Pinza.

"They sound like real men," she decided. Miss Warren said many women have voices pleasant enough to hear, if you're close enough, but they're too weak. She strengthened her own voice with this exercise, which ought to keep your neighbours entertained.

METHOD ADVISED

Take a deep breath, filling the diaphragm and keeping the shoulders down. Now, said Miss Warren, imagine there is nothing in the way of the tones which flow through your open throat and hit the wall opposite

you. Without straining your voice, call the following to some imaginary person in the distance:

"Stand back, Horatio! Back Antonio! Back, ere the ruins fall!"—United Press.

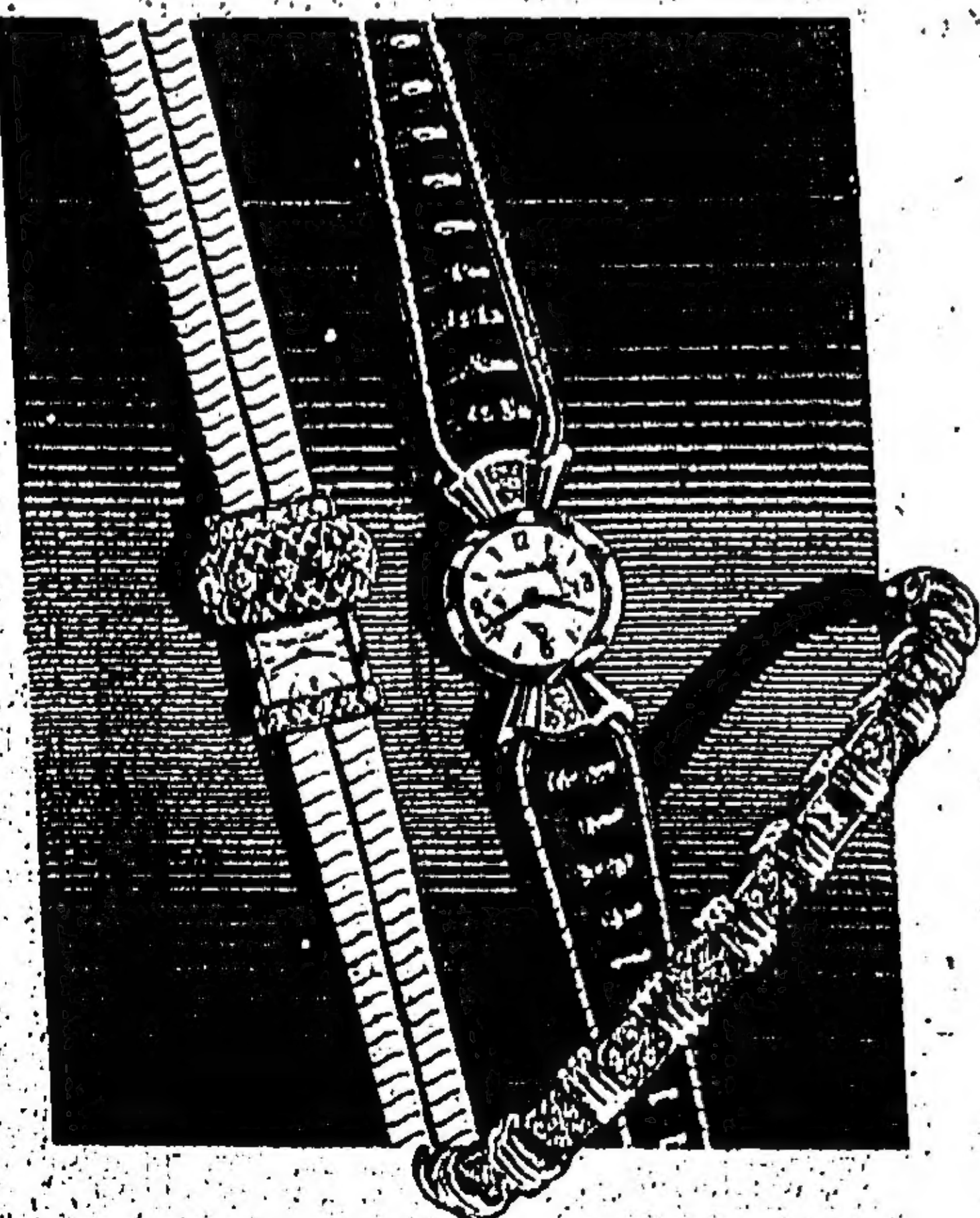
Slump A Little Is Healthy

CHICAGO.—A doctor says you can forget those old rules about slinking your chest out when you walk and sitting up straight.

According to Dr. Paul Williams, Dallas, Tex., it's much healthier to slump a little. He told the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons that 60 percent of all adults suffer low-back pain—mainly because they've been walking too straight.

Dr. Williams' rules of good posture are: walk as if you were climbing a hill, with stomach slightly creased, and sit slightly slumped so the spine is curved.—United Press.

LITTLE THINGS THAT PLEASE....



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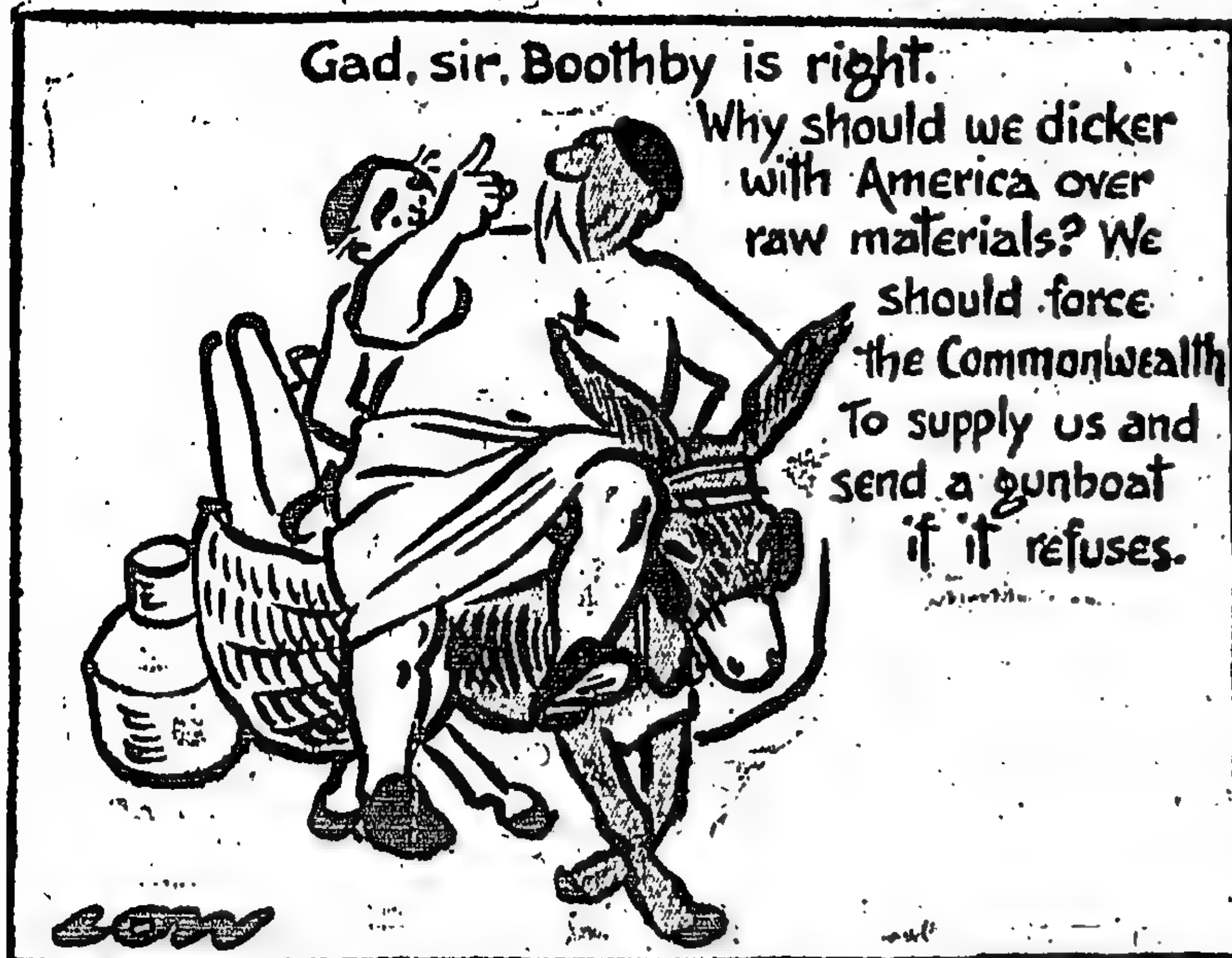
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"I Was Churchill's Shadow," Part Nine

The Conferences At Cairo And Teheran

By EX-INSPECTOR

WALTER HENRY THOMPSON

HMS Renown left Plymouth on November 12, 1943, carrying the Prime Minister and his staff on their way to the conferences at Cairo and Teheran. The original plan was to sail to Gibraltar and then fly to Cairo, but the weather at Gib. was bad so we steamed on to Malta.

Here there was a delay because the American Secret Service men who had been sent ahead to Teheran were not satisfied with security arrangements there.

It was suggested that the conference be held at Malta, but I understand Stalin would not agree. So we sailed on to Egypt, where the military had taken over the Mena Hotel and a number of villas for the conference. Sentries with fixed bayonets were posted everywhere.

Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek arrived, and Mr Churchill visited their villa. President Roosevelt was due in the next morning, and when the Prime Minister heard that he had not arrived on time, he became agitated.

He told me to ask for news. By the time I returned I heard that Mr Roosevelt, who had been delayed, had just landed safely at the aerodrome. I told Winston and he said: "Thank God for that, Thompson. I am very relieved."

In the talks that followed Mr Churchill was the "prime mover," going continually from one villa to the other. On the day before the Generalissimo was due to go, they all came out for a photograph in the garden of Mr Roosevelt's villa.

The President wanted Chiang Kai-shek to sit in the centre, but after some friendly bickering Chiang had his way, and put Mr Roosevelt in the middle with himself on the right and Mr Churchill on the left.

Meanwhile the files were annoying the President, who made some whispered remarks as he flicked them away, much to Mr Churchill's amusement.

After Chiang had gone there was a day to spare before we left for Teheran, and the President and Mr Churchill made a car trip to see the Sphinx and the Pyramids.

On our drive from the airport at Teheran to the British Legation I was a little worried about some of the security measures: there were too many people strolling about within "policing" distance.

I was not surprised when Mr Churchill sent for me. He asked me to tighten up the arrangements.

"We have information that German agents have been dropped by parachute," he said. "They will try to assassinate one or all of us."

Mr Churchill was due to visit the President at the American Embassy, which was about a mile away. At the last minute he decided not to go, but sent me alone.

When I got back I reported on this "dummy run," and also suggested new positions for the guards. I was relieved to hear that Mr Roosevelt had accepted Stalin's invitation to stay at the Soviet Embassy, which was next door to us. The approach road between them was then closed to the public and the whole area sealed off with troops.

The conference was held in the Soviet Embassy, and once when a session was in progress I was asked to take some documents in to Mr Churchill.

The delegates were round an oval table, and Mr Churchill and Stalin, both smoking, were side by side and obviously in an amiable mood. It was a pleasant contrast to the atmosphere of the first days in the Kremlin.

The next day the Prime Minister presented Marshal Stalin with the Stalingrad sword. As he handed the sword over to Marshal Voroshilov, Stalin let the blade fall from the scabbard, but he managed to retrieve it quickly.

November 30 was Mr Churchill's birthday, and the day's work was followed by a dinner at the British Legation. At cocktail time Stalin, moving round with his interpreter, Pavirov, chatted animatedly with many of the guests, and had several long conversations with Major Randolph Churchill.

Then Mr Churchill led his 34 guests into the dining room, where a large birthday cake with 69 candles was the centrepiece of a long table. Round the cake were presents from President Roosevelt, Mr Averill Harriman and Miss Sarah Churchill.

The President's gift was a blue and white porcelain bowl. The card inside read: "For Winston Spencer Churchill, on his 69th birthday at Teheran, Iran, November 30, 1943, with my affection, and may we be together for many years."

The funniest incident occurred when Stalin was proposing a toast with Pavirov, his diminutive interpreter, standing beside him to translate.

When the guests were seated Mr Churchill announced that all the toasts would be drunk Russian fashion, which meant that the man proposing the toast would leave his seat, touch glasses with the man whose health was being drunk, then return to his place.

When he toasted Stalin Mr Churchill said:

"I sometimes call you Joe, and you can call me Winston. If you like, and I like to think of you as my very good friend." He went on to say that the British people were turning politically "pink" and finished: "Marshal Stalin—Stalin the Great."

In his reply Stalin said: "We want to be friends with Great Britain and America, and if they wish to be friends they can show it by their actions." Then he touched Mr Churchill's glass and cried:

"To my fighting friend!"

Next the Prime Minister toasted President Roosevelt:

"We have been friends for many years, but since the outbreak of war our friendship has been such that I have gained inwardly. I trust that friendship and mutual understanding between our two countries will continue through the ages. The President and Roosevelt, the man."

"Winston," replied the President, "has been my personal friend for many years. He has been a great man for 69 years—anyway, 60 of them." At the end of the laugh he turned to Stalin and said: "Winston said the people of England are becoming pink in their political outlook. I should compare the whole position to that of a rainbow."

Mr Eden then got up to toast M. Molotov. He raised an empty glass and began: "If I had something to drink, I would give a toast."

Frank Sawyers, Mr Churchill's butler, who had been keeping the 34 glasses filled, hurriedly remedied that defect. He worked so hard and well that evening that Stalin insisted on toasting the butler amidst great applause.

The funniest incident occurred when Stalin was proposing a toast with Pavirov, his diminutive interpreter, standing beside him to translate.

Just as Pavirov began his English version, a waiter carrying a magnificent ice

Dangerous Work For This Volcano Man

By KATHLEEN VELLACOTT-JONES

LIKE thousands of other young Australians, George Anthony Taylor travels to his work every morning. But instead of boarding a tram or bus he gets into a plane and is flown over an active volcano.

Back from his routine flight he does a ground patrol over grim, devastated country where thousands of human skeletons still lie bleaching in the sun.

For "Tony" Taylor is the Government volcanologist for the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and his present assignment is observing and recording the activities of Mount Lamington.

He has been stationed there since January 22, the day after the catastrophic eruption which killed nearly 4,000 people.

Few people know the story of the Mount Lamington eruption in more detail than Taylor, for his investigations have kept him constantly in touch with the dreadful, death-stricken area around the town of Hagaruru.

He has gathered pumice and ash samples, studied blast effects, and traced the path of the holocaust through settlements and villages where not a single living thing survived the January eruption.

Stark Evidence

Every day his work takes him among stark evidence of what his fate would be, and that of his seismic staff, should he or they be caught in a similar eruption. Most of the dead still lie unburied, because the area is still too dangerous to permit the entry of working parties.

He has worked out an escape plan for his staff should the seismograph movements forecast a major eruption. He intends to go down a well at the Sangara seismic station with the object of being on the spot immediately it is safe to emerge—which is typical of his cool courage.

This young scientist, 33 years old, graduated as a Bachelor of Science at Sydney University in 1930, after war service in New Guinea. He is about five feet ten, with a physique that makes crater climbing mere casual exercise, and he has the mental make-up of the born research worker.

The Difference

To gauge the value of Taylor's work at Mount Lamington, it must be realised that this volcano is of the Pelican or Glowing Cloud type, of which only two others are known to have occurred in the world.

Its fundamental difference from the ordinary type of volcano is that its eruptions take the form of a horizontal blast instead of vertical one. This means that the colossal destructive force of the eruption, instead of being directed upwards, spreads out over the surrounding countryside at ground level, destroying everything in its path.

There is a chance of escape from a vertical eruption, but there is no chance of anything in the path of a horizontal blast.

Taylor, with the ink scarcely dry on his university graduation papers, is likely to become the leading scientific authority on Pelican eruptions.

He was gathering evidence of the pattern and characteristics of the eruption within 24 hours of the first gigantic explosion, and has recorded every detail of its subsequent behaviour.

River Of Ash

Every morning he walks to the base of the crater dome, peers into the volcano, watches a river of searing hot volcanic ash flow by means of its own internal gases, and records the returning rhythm of the volcano's intermittent periods of activity and inactivity.

He lives a scant six miles from the grey smoking menace, and often watches the red glare of the dome through the night hours. Taylor spends a minimum of two hours a day writing notes on his observations and interpreting the seismic charts, and when all his reports are compiled, volcanologists will know a great deal more about Pelican eruptions than they did prior to the tragedy of Mount Lamington.

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INDOORS WITH FLOOD LIGHTS

IN SPEAKING of flash photography recently we mentioned that flash lamps come in several sizes. The same is true of flood lamps—the other common light source used for making indoor pictures. The fact is, they can be obtained not only in different sizes but in different types, for use either with or without a reflector.

The Photofloods, which are shaped very much like an ordinary bulb, require a bright reflector. These are numbered 1 or 2, the No. 2 Photoflood delivering roughly twice the light put out by the No. 1. The Reflectorfloods, which broaden out from a standard base to a diameter of five inches, have a built-in reflector. Their output, for all practical purposes, approximates that of the No. 2 Photoflood.

With two or three of these flood type lamps it's easy to make any number of snapshots indoors, varying the lighting. But variations should come with practice. As a starter, it's wise to follow a simple basic lighting set-up. This is particularly true in making informal portraits of people.

Such a basic set-up is provided by using a No. 2 Photoflood—or a Reflectorflood—as an over-all light. This should be placed fairly close to the subject, at an angle of about 45 degrees. Since this fully lights only one side of the face, a fill-in lamp is used on the other side. This can be a less powerful light, such as a No. 1 Photoflood, or it may be of equal power but placed somewhat farther away.

When it comes to exposure with Photofloods, a good general rule is to use a fast film. With such a film, a box camera can be used to take pictures. When the lights are placed about 3 to 4 feet from the camera—3 feet if both lights are No. 1's, 4 feet if both are either No. 2's or Reflectorfloods. Actually, of course, in using two-lamps of the same power you want to place them at different distances from the subject. But the exposure still holds if the average distance

The Hiccups Machine

THE lives of 25 babies who could not start breathing when they were born have been saved by an ingenious machine developed by two London scientists.

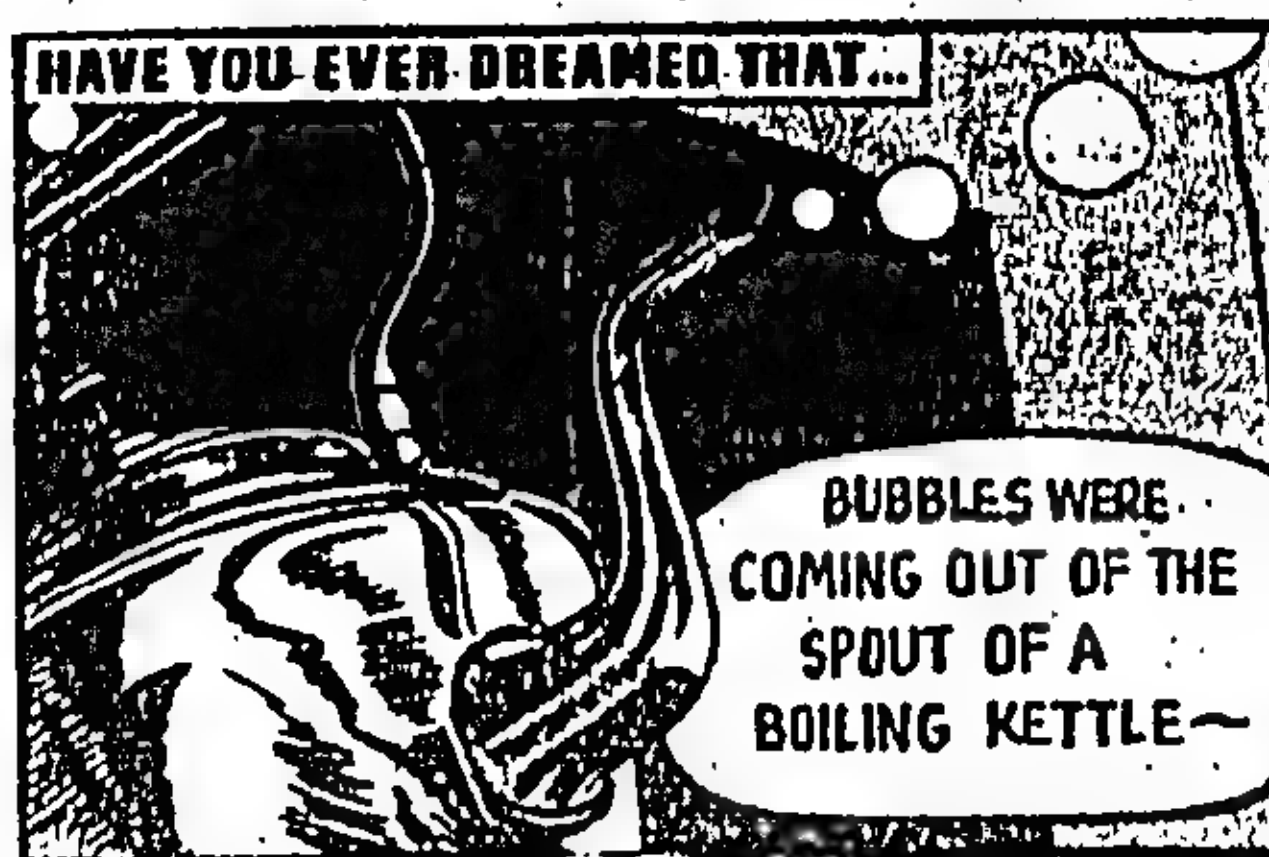
One of the babies was thought to be dead. But after 45 minutes' treatment with the machine he began to breathe normally.

The machine works by giving electric shocks to the nerves and causing hiccups.

A silver disc is placed on the baby's neck. Shocks fed into this disc stimulate the phrenic nerve, which makes the floor of the chest jerk up and down.

This usually triggers off normal breathing.

Dr. K. W. Cross and Mr. P. W. Roberts, of St. Mary's Hospital, W., developed the machine, which is described in the British Medical Journal.



- THIS DREAM MEANS :

The boiling kettle is a fairly obvious symbol of the feminine creative force.

"Blowing bubbles" is a very common representation of wishful thinking; in this case the bubbles very neatly contain the object of the wish: a beautiful baby.



Dreams commonly contain a wish or a fear or both; this is all wish.

The astonishing LADY WILDE

by George Malcolm Thomson

SPERANZA: a biography of Lady Wilde. By Horace Wyndham. Boardman. 15s. 247 pages.

OSCAR WILDE's mother receives from history a shrug, pitying or amused. She deserves something better—and a biography more polished than Mr Wyndham's. She was a tragedy queen playing her part in a painful farce.

Her preposterous figure takes on a kind of grandeur from her deep sense of loyalty. She believed in the innocence of her husband and her son. In both cases she was wrong.

Sir William Wilde was Dublin's leading oculist and surgeon. By a half successful operation he made Bernard Shaw's father squint outwards instead of inwards. As the result of extra-professional activities, he fathered a brood of illegitimate children.

As may happen to the most careful philanthropist, Sir William once caught a tartar, Mary Josephine Travers. Lady Wilde wrote a letter to this young woman's father, declaring that his daughter was employing low newspaper boys to disseminate offensive placards alleging an intrigue between Sir William and herself. Miss Travers sued for libel.

Her evidence showed that, at a critical moment during her attendance as a patient in Sir

William's consulting room, she had fainted. "Pray rouse yourself or we shall both be ruined," she heard the oculist say as she came to. Miss Travers alleged only one of them was ruined.

She was, in the end, awarded a farthing damages. Sir William was not permitted by his counsel to give evidence. As Professor Tyrell, the modernist theologian, said: "He is a phlegmatic person of extraordinary sensuality and cowardice, and funkling the witness box left him without a defender."

In fact, Sir William lived on in Dublin, respected and affluent. When he died, his widow fled to London, where, in a gilded laurel wreath, two crinolines and an oriental scarf she held a literary salon.

Curtains were drawn to exclude the daylight; if the gas-bill had not been paid, the room was lit by penny candles. It was dreadfully furnished—and crowded with celebrities.

As time passed, there was less gas, fewer candles, and fewer guests. Lady Wilde had to complain of the "really extraordinary attitude of the landlord." He expected to be paid his rent.

She left in disdain for Chelsea. "I want to live on some high place, Primrose Hill or Highgate, because I was an eagle in my youth." But Chelsea it had to be.

There was worse to come, far worse. Oscar, the adored, indulged and brilliant son, might develop peculiar mannerisms, might, for example, arrive for one of her parties with his hair one mass of little ringlets curled tight. "Like a negro painted white." Her own appearance being so remarkable, Lady Wilde would not notice a trifle like that.

But in the end the disgrace was too appalling to be ignored. The old woman, deserted and bitterly poor, could only hurl back at the hostile world her belief that her son had not done, could not do, anything to be ashamed of. In a few months she was dead.

The family provided a florid inscription for the tombstone at Kensal Green, but no funds for a permanent sepulchre. Seven years later she was reburied in a common grave.

A MIRROR FOR PRINCES. Translated from the Persian by Reuben Levy. Cresset. 15s. 265 pages.

SIXTEEN years after the Battle of Hastings, the worldly-wise Prince of Gurgon, on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea, wrote for his son a book of advice for one about to

engage in politics, business, war or love.

The Prince has few illusions and a good deal of dry wit. "It is a great misfortune," he says, "to stand in need of kinsmen humbler than one self: it is better to die in the water than to beg help of a frog."

His attitude to sport would find little acceptance in Britain: "When the ball comes in your direction return it; but take no part in the scrimmage. You can achieve your purpose merely by looking on. That is how men of distinction play polo."

Man of distinction display a more virile spirit in war: "You must breakfast on your enemy before he dines on you."

On finance his opinions are downright cynical. "You must realise that the common run of men have an affection for the rich without regard to their own personal concern, and that they dislike poor men, even if their own interests are not at stake." It follows that you should never grant public office to the impetuous.

A young man setting up in life will, wish to find suitable staff for his harem. To be employed in the women's apartments a slave should have withered limbs, scanty hair, shrill voice, thick lips, a flat nose, etc., etc.

To discourage his son from despising an insignificant enemy, he tells of the bold, witty and well-regarded brigand Mullahschab, who, slipping on a melon-rind, grew his knife and stabbed it. His servants, protesting at the undignified display, the brigand retorted: "The melon-rind overthrew me, it is my enemy. An enemy must not be despised even though he is worthless."

It is sad to know that the recipient of all this wisdom managed to hold his throne for only seven years.

EARLY TO BED. By Anne Piper. Putnam. 8s. 6d. 194 pages.

AWARD Evening Standard prize for the most promising opening sentence of the year, Anne Piper wins with, "I married most of them in the end." She specialises in opening sentences, e.g., "I later married him in a splendidly account of one girl's love-life: 'I behaved very well for the rest of the summer.' At first I was glad to be alone."

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REST OF THE BOOKS

IN HAY-FEVER Dr. John Freeman records 40 years' research into allergic disorders. Mainly for doctors, it contains cases fascinating to the lay reader—especially the lay victim Heinemann publish at 42s.

A CHARLOTTE AMSTRONG'S MISCHIEF thriller with a simple theme of sufficient horror—a psychopathic baby-sitter. Have you good nerves? Be Davies are the publishers: 6s. 6d.

IN THE FACE OF INNOCENCE William Somerset Maugham's brilliant novel (pound another kind of psychology) case. Eve, his heroine, lives "in a world of her own, in other words, she is a pathological liar. Accompanied comedy this (Hogarth Press 9s. 6d.)

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JOHNNY HAZARD



FIGHTER ACE BEATS JUNGLE

WHEN he led his Desert Air Force fighter squadron during the war, Bobbie Gibbs was never worried by the odds. That was how he won the DSO and the DFC and Bar. Nor did he worry about the odds when, after the war, with his wife and one small aeroplane he settled in New Guinea to begin a jungle airline.

He tackled the job with the same spirit as he carried out one of the war's outstanding rescues—landing his Spitfire less than a mile from an enemy airfield to pick up a pilot who had been forced down.

But now Gibbs—former Australian salesman—is also operating two farms and a trading store. And he plans to stop flying himself and open a passion fruit plantation, exporting his canned fruit by air, and, of course, to supervise his airline.

Demobilised from the Royal Australian Air Force, Squadron Leader Gibbs, with very small capital and a British Auster light aeroplane, began Gibbs Sepik Airways four years ago. He flew the Auster, his wife helped him to load it.

He built his own landing strips and business flourished.

Now he has four Austers and six Norseman airplanes, four engineers, four traffic control staff and 10 pilots—and two branch offices.

The airline's flying is done over mountains 12,000 feet high, usually cloud covered, and in some of the worst weather in the world.

MEDAL FOR OUR SHIP

America gives it

NAVAL architect Arnold Winspear, of Mill Hill, has just learned that the 14,500-ton Ocean Monarch, on which he worked for months, has won a gold medal from the United States Academy of Design.

In addition to unusual features, the ship has "outstanding beauty," the Americans say. Mr Winspear is naval architect for Furness, Withy and Co., who own the Ocean Monarch. He has worked for them for nearly 30 years.

His comment on the award: "One man does not design a ship. We get together to decide the profile and everything else."

The Ocean Monarch, 516ft. long, has one mast behind the bridge—Navy style. Deck-houses slope in line with the single funnel.

Eleven colour schemes have been used in the 157 state-rooms. From the sun deck passengers can look down on the swimming pool.

The Ocean Monarch will cruise from New York to the West Indies or the St. Lawrence.

She was built by Vickers-Armstrongs at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SHAGGY HORSE STORY

All about an Englishman's ride from the Arctic to Arabia

STOCKHOLM.—An English cavalry officer has finished the first lap of a ride that makes Dick Turpin's jaunt to York just a trot in the park.

Captain Donald Brown, nearly 40, has the idea that a horse can go anywhere on land.

And to prove it, he got on a shaggy horse way up in the Arctic Circle—at Alta, where Hitler's battleship Tirpitz hid.

He took with him 22-year-old Gorm Skifter, of Copenhagen—on another shaggy horse. Just for



safety, they took along a third horse and loaded it up with snow shoes and equipment.

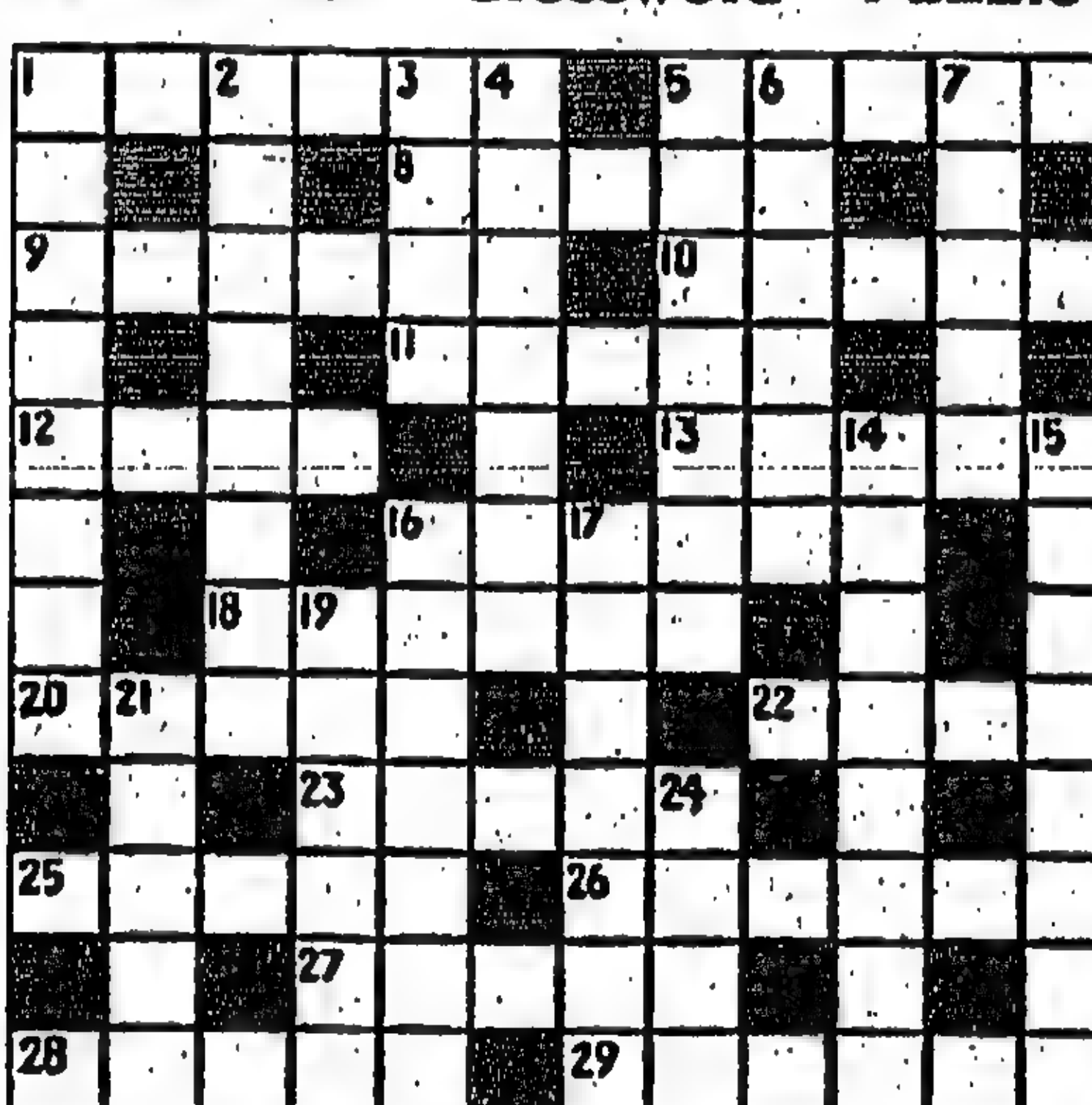
With a gee-up, Brown started off the three horses across the tundra wastes.

They travelled by compass, ignoring anything that looked like a road.

When night fell, the shaggy horsemen sought shelter—generally slept in the wigwams of the nomad Lapps.

On a diet of dehydrated food and coffee they crossed Norway and Finland and are now travelling through Sweden on their way to Denmark.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Golf attendant (6).
- 5 Allow access (5).
- 8 Night (5).
- 9 Term (5).
- 10 Demand as a right (5).
- 11 Scratch (5).
- 12 Require (4).
- 13 Details (5).
- 16 Plundered (6).
- 18 Evening party (6).
- 20 Prophets (5).
- 22 Continuous pain (4).
- 23 Out of bed (5).
- 24 Same again (5).
- 26 Moved suddenly (3).
- 27 Senior (3).
- 28 Rhythm (5).
- 29 Felt (6).

DOWN

- 1 Settlements (8).
- 2 Scatter (8).
- 3 Freezes (4).
- 4 Voter (7).
- 6 Impulse (7).
- 8 Exquisite (6).
- 14 Peculiarity of language (5).
- 14 Trains (8).
- 15 Grand (8).
- 16 Meat ball (7).
- 17 In addition (7).
- 19 Speaker (6).
- 21 Banish (5).
- 24 Uncommon (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Custom, 5 Pupil, 8 Moor, 9 Afloat, 11 Inept, 12 Esteem, 14 Test, 16 Terse, 18 Agent, 19 More, 20 Pistol, 24 Skimp, 25 Turban, 26 Lien, 27 Liege, 28 Rennet. Down: 1 Cram, 2 Score, 3 Omit, 4 Modest, 5 Primate, 6 Prepare, 7 Latches, 10 Ashen, 13 Parasol, 14 Tensile, 15 Supple, 17 Error, 19 Muster, 21 Tune, 22 Lean, 23 Knot.

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J. L. MANNING On The FANTASTIC INSIDE STORY OF THE RACKETS BEHIND AMERICAN SPORT

LTA's Win Or Go Home Policy

What is the value of a big lawn tennis championship to an up-and-coming player? Take John Horn. The LTA sent him to the French championships in Paris. A good idea. The experience on court should be invaluable. The experience off court, watching the technique and tactics of the great players, should, one might think, be equally so.

Not, however, the LTA. Hotel expenses of Britain's team in Paris were doled out on a piece-work basis. When Horn no longer remained in any event he was packed back to London. One commends the LTA for not throwing away their money, but why spoil the ship for a ha'porth of tar? Horn could have continued learning from the competitors' stand.

ODD HOBBY
Miss Margaret Hughes, 30, of Boxley (Kent), has an odd hobby. She keeps a chart of the strokes made by all the players of note in the country.

At Lord's, she showed me the various strokes that Denis Compton used in making his highest score of the season, 172. She has more than 2,500 of these charts and knows exactly what stroke a player is using. Denis Compton will play to Alec Beder when Middlesex and Surrey meet. "They are the same strokes that they have always played against Beder," she says.

I suggest she negotiates with Surrey for the rights of these charts.

SAD ADMISSION
So the Football League clubs blame the BBC's "live" broadcasts for dwindling gates. What a sad admission by English soccer that a commentary on one half of a match—probably not their own—can keep the crowd away.

The BBC, who are to protest to the Football League over Sunderland's "ban" on soccer broadcasts' proposal, which was carried at the League's annual general meeting, claim that broadcasts do not affect match attendances.

On that I reserve judgment, but what I do say is that soccer clubs need have no fear of dwindling gates if they provide the goods—better football and improved facilities for spectators.

The British soccer fan is the keenest sports supporter in the world. No amount of broadcasting will keep him away from a game if these two essentials are given top priority by the clubs.

TENNIS TALLY
Finances loom large at the French lawn tennis championships. That is why in the late stages of the Paris fixture some top-line players may be seen working out accounts with pencil and paper.

The reason—and it makes the French championships more popular with some players than Wimbledon—is the legend printed over the draw in the programme.

This records that the first, second and third prize vouchers in the men's singles are £50, £20 and £10 respectively. This puts the £20 first prize voucher for the Wimbledon men's singles in the shade.

Indeed, a triple winner in France can claim a prize voucher worth £50, a woman £53. And, let it be whispered, the voucher need not necessarily be exchanged for a marble.

SOCCER SWITCH
Wittiest speech at Spurs' celebration dinner came from the Marquess of Londonderry. He complained that there were more soccer devotees on the Lord's than on the Tory side.

"So," he said, "if ever you hear that a peer of the name of Londonderry has crossed the House, he has not joined the Labour Party but has gone to talk football with some of its members."

I have brought back from the United States a little pamphlet issued by the New York City Police and the Department of Education. On the back page it says:

"The following articles, if found in desks, wash-rooms or other places in school buildings, might indicate that some person is using narcotics: teaspoons with bent and burnt handles; hypodermic needles and syringes; eye-droppers; small packages of white powder; empty gelatine capsules."

I had come on tragedy amid the triumph of America. It is what happens when the freest, most prosperous and best-natured people in the world make one little miscalculation about human nature.

Where have they gone wrong? They have prohibited gambling.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
In their efforts to deprive Americans of their flutter with a bookmaker they have placed fabulous, untaxed sums of money in the hands of racketeers—millions of dollars which are being invested in crime.

Have a little fun punters finance the coast-to-coast syndicates who flood the country with "one-armed bandits" (slot machines) and feed America's schoolchildren with cocaine, morphine and marijuana leaf.

Out of the ban on betting has come these evils of a new Prohibition era.

The little men the Americans bet with are only minnows and honest, too. When you run an illegal bookmaking business you have to trade on a good name. But behind them are the real racketeers, the men who control the wire services without which bookmakers cannot get their vital up-to-the-minute news from the tracks.

It is they who can extort what price they like from the little men who break the law. Why don't the police crack down on the racing wire services?

I went to New York Police Headquarters, the lobby walks of which are covered with memorial tablets recording the names of policemen killed on duty, to find out why Continental Press, one of these services, is still in business after many exposures.

"They put in occasional bits of legitimate news, and in America the Freedom of the Press is inviolable," I was told.

Furthermore, racing—wire service kings have their fingers on the political machines. Social reformers, State racing commissions and racecourse owners, who all have reasons for keeping the bookmaker a law-breaker, play right into their hands.

It offers a grim lesson for Britain, as she debates the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Gambling and hostiles over betting-shops.

RELIGIOUS STREAK
The Americans uphold the laws they will not observe knowing full well the consequences of murder, terrorism and corruption, because streak of Puritanism runs side by side with the need for a gamble.

"It's better to do the right thing even if it works out wrong," I was told by a priest whose brother runs a bookie's business behind a candy store in Kansas City, Missouri.

It will always be so. Every night I walked down Broadway to Jack Dempsey's bar and saw the Salvation Army parading amid the nylon shops under the neon signs.

My favourite preacher was the hunched, blonde friar who ended his address: "And that, folks, is the Gospel in a nutshell."

At every hotel I stayed in a 10,000-mile journey I carefully wrapped up my stiff collars and put them in a drawer. (They cannot launder stiff collars in America.) And every time I opened a drawer I found a Bible.

Five out of six families who invited me to dinner said Grace before meals.

Sometimes the mixing for the spiritual and sporting emotions result in odd happenings.

As I sat awaiting an interview a stenographer said to me: "I've never spoken to an Englishman before. Do ministers partake of bread and wine at your communion services?"

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5. Peach Bloom	Peach Bloom	Peach Bloom	Peach	Peach	Peach
6. Miss Elder	Miss Elder	Miss Elder	1. Bloom	1. Bloom	1. Bloom

Speed King Campbell Never Gave In!

By DONALD CAMPBELL

A few years before he died, my father told a friend: "Some people say I am a fool to do these things at my time of life. 'Probably they are right. I am an adventurer. All my life I have set myself certain objectives. I have striven until I got there. 'Some people want money; others want power. With me it is to achieve something that no man has achieved before—and doing the things I have made up my mind to do.'"

Such was the philosophy of my father Sir Malcolm Campbell, first man in the world to travel at 300 miles an hour on land and the fastest man on water when he died.

I well remember that in his 62nd year he set out on Lake Coniston to beat his own water speed record.

TERRIBLE RISK
To his beloved boat, Bluebird, he and Leo Villa, and the other mechanics, had fitted a jet engine. It was a jet which could fly an aeroplane at 600 miles an hour.

Nobody had tried jet propulsion on water before. Nobody knew what would happen.

Even Dad's closest friends thought he was taking a terrible risk.

But to him it was a new adventure, with prospects of great achievement and most important of all—the possible beginning of a revolution in water transport.

I asked him for the 100th time, "Why do you do it?" He answered then, as he always did, patiently and with a twinkle in his pale blue eyes: "For the joy of achievement, my boy."

That attempt with jet-propelled Bluebird brought no new record but in that sense only was it a failure. A great deal was learned, and I recall the story to show that almost until his death Dad lived in the spirit of adventure which has meant time and again that Britain DID IT FIRST!

Dad broke more world records than any of his contemporaries.

On Land he was first to average 150 m.p.h. over a measured mile; first to average four miles a minute; and first to reach the coveted 300 miles an hour (five miles a minute).

On Water he smashed the record four times with speeds of 128 m.p.h., 129 m.p.h., 130.9 m.p.h. and 141.74 m.p.h.

DOGGED SPIRIT
Every attempt meant months of planning and preparation. There were weeks when Dad and his mechanics seemed never to leave the garage.

Bitter disappointments, unexpected "hitches" (some of them seemingly insuperable) were overcome by determination.

In fact the more hopeless the outlook the more determined was Dad not to be beaten. He would never give up.

Along this dogged spirit alone which made him the first man to travel the measured mile at 150 m.p.h. The feat made the world sit up and take notice of the performance of British cars.

MORE SET-BACKS
Motor-racing at Brooklands was Dad's hobby before the 1914-18 war, but it was not until two years after "demob" from the RAF in 1921 that he began to take an interest in world records.

A 350-h.p. Sunbeam took his eye. He decided that this was the car for him. He persuaded Louis Coatalen, a director of Sunbeam, to lend him the car.



Sir Malcolm Campbell

Next day he learned that the timing had not been approved by the Commission Sportive, international body governing motor-racing.

He determined to have another go. He asked Louis Coatalen to sell him the car, but permission was refused.

Again and again Dad tried to persuade Coatalen, who was adamant.

Then came news that the Danes were organising an international speed competition at Fano, Dad again went to Coatalen, begged him to sell, and finally Coatalen gave in.

The Sunbeam was delivered on the Monday at Horley (Surrey), where we lived. On the Saturday it had to be entrained for Harwich, and was to sail for Denmark on the Monday to be in time for the competition.

FEVERISHLY
From the moment of delivery at Horley checking and overhauling continued feverishly all week.

One evening Dad returned from a short visit to London. Leo Villa, Leech and Webster, his mechanics, met him in glum silence. They hardly dared break the news!

They had discovered that the teeth in the gear-box were stripped—and there were no spares!

The Sunbeam company promised every help, but a special steel block was required from a Sheffield firm.

Webster set off at once, drove all night, collected the block, and dashed to Sunbeam's, reaching there at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Meanwhile, at Horley, the car, minus its vital part, was entrained. Webster bit his nails at the Wolverhampton factory all Saturday night.

On Monday morning Dad, Villa and Leech drove to Liverpool Street station, London, to catch the last train which would enable them to make the boat. There was still no Webster.

The guard blew his whistle. The party climbed aboard. The train began to move out. And then, down the platform ran Webster. He clambered into the last coach, hugging the precious parcel. At Fano the car beat all others, and the world's record was raised again.

SUMMER LEAGUERS HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THE RAIN

Bring on your fastest pitcher with the lightest softball fielders and a safehit gets by once in a while, but with Pluvius on the mound no concentration of homerun sluggers will ever get to first base.

The weather may be a popular topic of conversation these days but to the enthusiastic Summer Leaguers this is a sore point indeed, for the experimental loop has not been able to figure out a solution to this angle.

With only three of the thirty-game schedule completed to date most people would have given up trying long ago, but our bat and ball artists are made of sterner stuff and will see the series through at all costs.

Postponed games will be rescheduled next week when the first round fixtures come to an end.

The desire to remain active during the summer despite unfavourable weather conditions is to be commended, and more so as the games are virtually played in privacy, fans having deserted the diamond for the inviting beaches.

OLD BOYS GET TOGETHER
Running across Arturo Ochoa, cagey mentor of the Saints during the last flag campaign, your scribe learnt that there may be a slight change in the organisation of this popular outfit for the coming season.

Ever since leaving HB Club colours about a decade ago, the St. Joseph's nine have been turning out for the College on their own as an appreciation of their alma mater, but it is understood that the Old Boys' Association has come forward with a proposal to sponsor their activities in the future.

A team is only as good as the fans make it, perhaps for psychological reasons, but nevertheless true. In the first postwar year when the Saints enjoyed a tremendous following, the clamour of the faithful for a pennant was made good, but after a string of near-misses, affection has gradually switched to more promising teams, and there is no doubt that the twice champion Braves enjoy the largest spectator support today, closely followed by their nearest rivals, the Jolting Jaguars.

The present lineup has not been formed merely because of the number of years spent on the softball diamond, which in itself is quite considerable, but because they were already matured on the baseball field years before the new sport was introduced.

Way back in the early thirties, even before some of the present day stars were born, this outfit was in its hey-day, and their record of blazing through a whole season without a defeat—either in league or exhibition games—has gone down in local baseball lore. In case anyone wishes to look up the records, you'll find the full team listed under the UB banner.

Although softball has now replaced baseball in player popularity, it has not yet overtaken the baseball spectator mark, but with the present rate of rapid progress, the day is not far off. —"GRANDSTAND"

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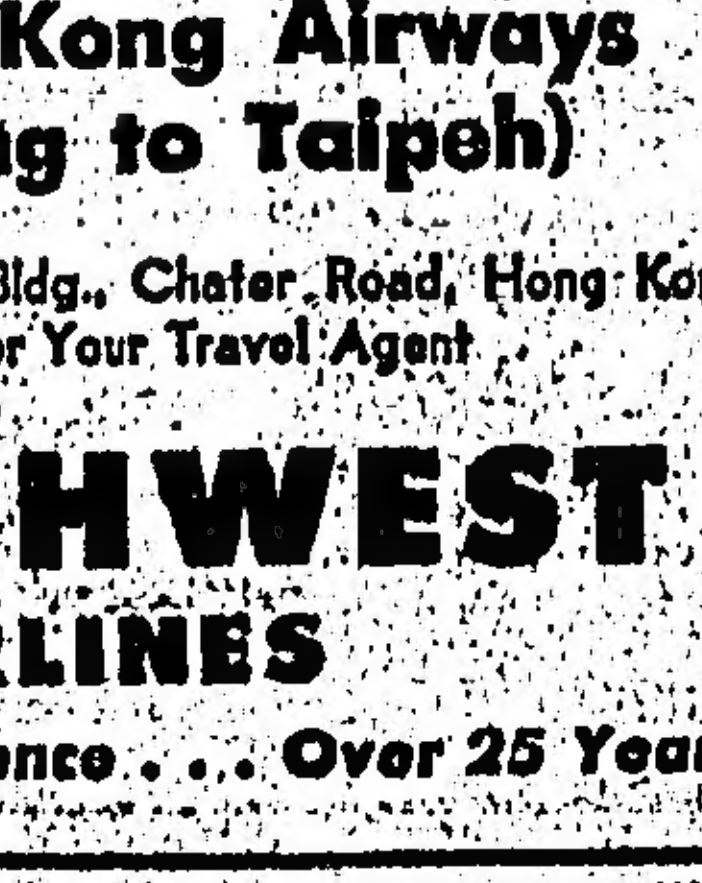
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FUN WITH WORDS

SECRET MESSAGE

THE Secret First Club members enjoy writing messages in code. If a member of the club wishes to write a word, he uses an alphabet that's different. For instance, instead of A, he might write X; in place of B, he might write Y. To decipher the message, the person that receives it must figure out the code. He usually counts the letters, finds out which is used the most. This is almost always E. Then he looks around for words of one, two or three letters that will give him clues of other letters.

Decipher the following four-line poem and you'll have a secret code:
JO DPOUSFWSTJBM
NPNFOUT NZ QFSDQUJPO
SEUIFS GJOF.
J BMDZBT TFF CPUI QPJOUT
PG WJFX
UIF POF UBU'T XSPHOB
NJOF.

AESOP'S ZOO

AESOP's best known fables are tales about animals. Let's see how well versed you are in these stories. Try to answer each question by naming the animal mentioned. Perhaps you can also tell what lessons some of the fables teach us. What animal:

1. Won a race from a hare?
2. Kept an ox from eating hay?
3. Laid golden eggs?
4. Jumped for grapes but failed to get them?
5. Helped a lion escape from a snare?
6. Burst when he tried to swell up as big as an ox?
7. Was so large that mice could not tie a bell around its neck?

8. Was carried over a bridge by a miller and his son?

9. Would not feed the grasshopper who lided the summer away?

10. Dropped stones into a pitcher in order to reach the water and get a drink?

11. Had a thorn in his foot and the thorn was removed by a slave named Androcles?

12. Wore a sheepskin in order to mingle with and eat sheep?

13. Went to the city to visit his cousin but quickly returned home again?

14. Was saved from freezing by a man and later stung the man to death?

U.S.A.

THE odd looking words below are some states of the United States. The state names have been separated into syllables and the syllables—not the letters—are jumbled. No letter in any syllable is out of its rightful place. For example, Tennessee, split into syllables is Ten-nes-see, in our puzzle we might write in Seentesten. See how many of the states you can unscramble.

1. Waisneen 11. Ocoldora
2. Gonor 12. Sylinapennava
3. Shaskanar
4. Abamala 13. Aninadi
5. Sonetamin 14. Wareddel
6. Ignavir 15. Setissachumas
7. Cutneclon
8. Zoriona 16. Anisilou
9. Slapimilisp 17. Dahoi
10. Niforicals 18. Lamahook

ASTRONOMY

THE following are planets. You are to list them according to size, with the largest first. Time on this is 60 seconds. Mars, Jupiter, Earth, Venus, Saturn, Neptune, Mercury.

Spool & String Puzzle

By MILDRED L. KING

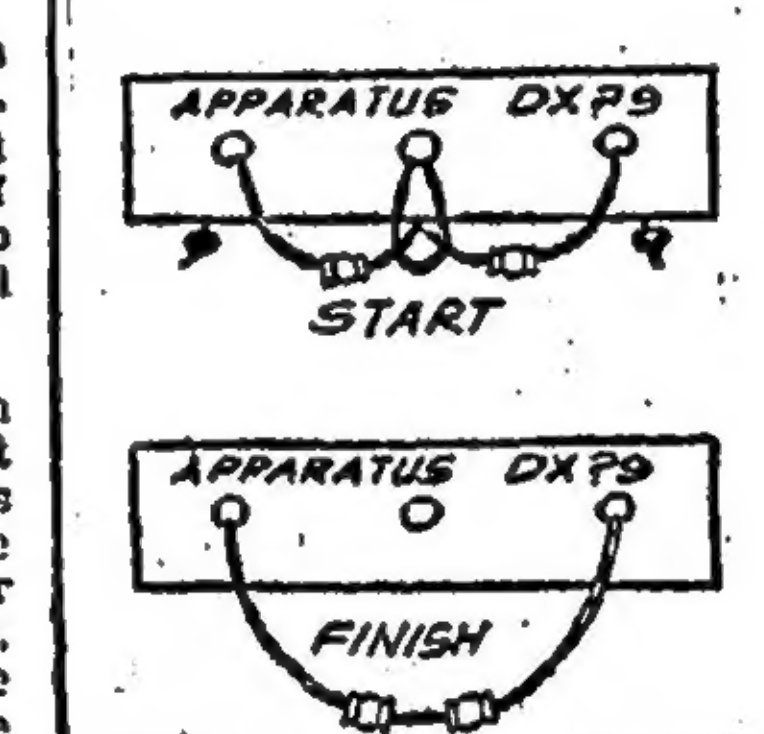
PRESENT your friends with mysterious apparatus illustrated here and ask them to get the two spools on one loop of string. They'll hate to give up and ask for your help but they'll probably have to.

The apparatus is made from a strip of stiff cardboard about three by 12 inches. Three holes are cut in it as shown. These must be considerably smaller than the size of the spools. Thread the string through the holes and the spools on the string as pictured in the diagram.

Next fasten a large bead or other stopper on the ends of the string to prevent the string from being pulled through the end holes. Print "APPARATUS DXPS" on the card just to make it more mysterious.

To get the two spools on one loop you must follow these instructions carefully.

Pull the centre loop marked C as far down as it will come and slide the right side spool through the big loop. Then push the centre loop through the right hand hole being careful not to twist the string. Next pass this loop over the right hand bead or stopper and bring it back



through the same hole, pulling the left hand side of the loop. Repeat this process with the other spool, straighten the string out and the two spools will be on one big loop which makes you and "APPARATUS DXPS" both look pretty smart.

IMPORTANCE OF SMELL

YOUR sense of smell is becoming increasingly important in the scientific world of today.

Recently passengers on a railway train, speeding through New York State, were annoyed by the smell of cabbage, onions and garlic all intermingled. Almost as soon as the passengers smelled the disagreeable odour, the train stopped and the curious learned the stench had come from a warning device in the overheating bearing of a journal box, a safety gadget now in use in some 88 lines in the United States, Mexico, Canada and England. In this instance, a serious wreck had been averted, for the axle was badly worn when the train halted.

It works like this: the moment a bearing on a train becomes overheated, the fusible metal cup, sealing the odiferous tube, melts and the air currents, created by the fast-moving train, wafts the chemical smell called "ethyl mercaptan" through the coaches. Eight minutes is the duration of the odour and, though it is disagreeable, it makes travel safer.

In other fields, apart from safety, chemists are doing sniffing research in an attempt to find if odour travels by waves or particles, how the sense of taste is connected with the sense of smell and how a pair of odours will frequently be all because they outlast each other. Such experiments are going on for food laboratories, cosmetology and health.

You had better not look down your nose at a smell.

INDIAN DOODLE

1. Pry open a WALNUT carefully and remove nut.
2. Bend a 4 in. piece of PIPE CLEANER in half... place it in half of shell... put halves together and hold with RUBBER BAND.
3. Braid 6 strands of heavy BLACK YARN.
4. Sew in back.



5. Mark on face with BLACK CRAYON.
6. Set pipe cleaner in hole of an empty SPOON.
7. Cut a blanket, 8 inches long and 4 inches wide of heavy CLOTH... Fold in half lengthwise.
8. Fold blanket around spoon and sew in place.



Punch Had Two Invitations

—But He Couldn't Accept Them Both—

By MAX TRELL

"A.H." said Mr. Punch as Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came into the room. "I've just been invited to two birthday parties."

"Two of them!" Hanid exclaimed.

Mr. Punch nodded. "Two of them. But I can't go to both. And I can't make up my mind which one of the two to go to. The trouble is," he added, "if I go to one party, the other party will be insulted."

Knarf and Hanid now asked Mr. Punch to tell them they were having the two different birthday parties.

Mr. Punch answered: "One of the parties is for my good friend, Suzy the Cat. The other party is for my equally good friend, Millie the Mouse."

Will Be Mad

"Now," continued Mr. Punch, "you can see as well as I can that I go to Suzy the Cat's party. Millie the Mouse will be mad at me. And if I go to Millie the Mouse's party, Suzy the Cat will never talk to me again."

"Don't go to either of them," Mr. Punch suggested Knarf. "No, that's no good. Then they'll both be mad at me. I'd rather have one of them mad at me than both of them."

"It's too bad, isn't it," said Hanid to Mr. Punch, "that the cats and mice don't like each other? Because if they did, then the two birthday parties could be held together at the same time, and you could go to both of them."

Mr. Punch looked quite sad. He sat silently for a long while, trying to make up his mind as to what he should do. Suddenly Knarf and Hanid saw him smile. "I've thought of it!" he exclaimed. "I've thought of the way to do it without hurting the feelings of either Suzy the Cat or Millie the Mouse!"

"How?" asked Knarf and Hanid.

"Instead of going to either of their parties, I'll invite them both here."

"But, Mr. Punch!" cried Hanid. "You can't do that!"

"They won't get along!" said Knarf.

But Mr. Punch said he knew just what to do to keep both Suzy the Cat and Millie the Mouse from not getting along with each other. "You'll see," he said. "The important thing will be the birthday present that I give to each of them. Here," he said to Knarf, "you go down to the cellar and tell Millie the Mouse to come here right away for her party. And



Punch didn't know what to do.

you," he said, turning to Hanid, "go outside on the porch and tell Suzy the Cat to come here right away for her party."

Different Directions

Knarf and Hanid ran off in different directions to carry out Mr. Punch's orders. Presently Hanid returned, with Suzy the Cat, and a moment or two later Knarf returned with Millie the Mouse.

The first thing that Mr. Punch did was to give Suzy the Cat her present.

The present was a huge bowl of sweet cream. Then he gave her a plate of meat, another bowl of sweet cream, and another plate of meat. Suzy the Cat looked at the bowls of cream and the plates of meat. Then she glanced at Millie the Mouse and then she decided that it was better to eat Mr. Punch's presents than to eat Millie.

Mr. Punch's present to Millie was a great slice of Swiss cheese. At first Millie, on seeing Suzy the Cat, instantly wanted to run away. But when she saw that Suzy was too busy eating her presents to bother with a little mouse, Millie stayed to nibble her Swiss cheese. And so both of them stayed, and both of them had a feast, and everyone had a wonderful time.

ANSWERS

SECRET MESSAGE:

In controversial moments, my perception is rather fine; I always see both points of view. The one that's wrong, and mine.

AESOP'S ZOO: 1-Tortoise. 2-Dog. 3-Goose. 4-Fox. 5-Mouse. 6-Frog. 7-Cat. 8-Ass. 9-Ant. 10-Crow. 11-Lion. 12-Wolf. 13-The country mouse. 14-Shake.

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